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Education crisis addressed at conference

by Suzana Grozavescu

On Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30, the University of Toronto SAC, Queens University AMS, the University of Ottawa SAC, and the University of Windsor SAC hosted the Universities in Crisis Roundtable. The two day conference took the form of roundtable discussions, and included speakers who brought their own views and ideas about the future of post-secondary education in Ontario.

Student government leaders from various Ontario universities participated in these discussions. Topics on the agenda included "Recognizing the Education Crisis", "A Cooperative Student Front: Finding Consensus", "Finding a Cooperative Student Front", "The Future of Education in Ontario", and the "The Future of the Student Movement in Ontario." Mainly, the conference addressed the increase of tuition fees and the chronic under funding of Ontario universities. Both issues have contributed to a vulnerable university community that faces an uncertain future.

Annamarie Castrilli, M.P.P (Downsview)Official Opposition Critic for Colleges and Universities was one of the speakers present at the conference and. During her presentation, entitled "Recognizing the Crisis," Castrilli advised the delegates to "never feel helpless. You can always make a difference even in the darkest of times." These darkest times are the result of a 400 million dollar cut from the federal funding of Ontario universities.

Castrilli suggested that the Tory government's haste of cutting the spending line indicates no consideration of the value of higher education. Statistics show a direct correlation between university degrees and rate of employment.

Between 1989 and 1994, university graduates employability increased by 16%, and people with university degrees on average were able to earn almost twice as much than people with high school diplomas.

Ms. Castrilli also noted that while from 1977 to 1995, spending for the elementary schools and the public sector went up by 24% and 3%, respectively, the spending for universities and colleges went down 20%.

Ms. Castrilli concluded that "we don't recognize the role of post-secondary education. Canada's most important resource is its people. Our capability to compete with the rest of the world will depend upon our human resources, and how well we train them. That is why we should take education seriously: focus on academic excellence, on languages, on research."She encouraged delegates to search for solutions to the crisis that higher education faces. "I am looking to you to be missionaries of your fellow students. We do have a crisis, and it is up to all of us to solve it," Ms. Castrilli said.

Annamarie Castrilli cited the ideas of American President John Fitzgerald Kennedy and stressed that taking action and responsibilities are essential for everybody in solving this crisis: "If not us, then who? If not now, then when ?"

After Annamarie Castrilli's presentation, delegates participated in roundtable discussions about "Recognizing the Crisis" and "A Cooperative Student Front: Finding Consensus." Delegated from various groups presented and debated ideas about recognizing the education crisis and reaching consensus.

The groups decided that upon sending letters to M.P.P.'s from various regions and a public relations campaign to change the way the public looks at university students. The groups also recognized the short term and long term effects of the crisis and decided that right now, the short term effect should be dealt with immediately.

As for forming a Cooperative Student Front, U Of T SAC External Commissioner, Alexander Vaccari, made it clear that it is imperative for students to overcome their different ideologies, and find a common ground. "It is impossible to have a unified student organization, but we can have a unified student front," Vaccari said. The delegates discussed establishing a 'Yes' campaign towards education and universities and making alliances with businesses. This latter issue is based on the premise that if the government is going to cut 400 million dollars from education, Ontario will not be able to survive economically backed up by businesses.

Robert Pritchard, President of University of Toronto, also participated in the discussion. He made students aware of the changes that are going to take place in the near future, and how important their influence is going to be for the post-secondary education. Pritchard also reinforced his position about the cuts the current government plans to make. "Premier Harris plans to cut taxes by 30% over the next two years. I personally don't think this task is wise; I am for balancing the budget, but not for the major tax cuts," President

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President Pritchard shows conference attendees the size of the impending cuts. *photo by Melinda Serafico*

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Quote of the Week:

"I am aware of the demands, needs and expectations that students possess and I feel I could satisfy them by working hard towards the achievement of their desires."

ECARA Candidate Shawna Dawson displays her eagerness to the student body.

Survival Day feeds students answers

Just what students need, credit cards.

photo by Andrea Ashbaugh

by Whillete Warren

New atmosphere, new life. For many new students at Erindale this can be a confusing and frightening time. Life is hectic enough, what with worrying about making new friends, straightening out schedules and reading what seems to be the equivalence of a mountain of books and articles, who has time to search for student services? Who needs the hassle of looking for rooms with anonymous doors in obscure parts of buildings often never travelled. But as the year settles down, it becomes apparent just how useful these services truly are. After all, they were created to help the student body.

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What, you don't have enough time to look these services up on your own? You didn't even know some of them existed? Well that is why the Q.S.S. (Quality Services for Students) brought you an answer to all your problems in the form of Survival Day '95!

Almost every student service from the Erindale and St. George campuses, and the Mississauga community were displayed in the Meeting Place on Wednesday, September 27.

This space was transformed into a one-stop shop and browse, featuring almost everything Erindale has to offer students. Among the organizations that were present were Child and Family Resources, CFRE (Radio Erindale), Women's Resources, Personal Counselling , and the Peel Region Health Department. Pay attention to some of these names because you never know when you'll need them.

Also in attendance were Credit Valley Hospital, Aboriginal Student Services, the YMCA, and *The Medium*. An official representative of Q.S.S. felt that an event like this took a holistic look at students and helped to round out the university experience for full-time and part-time students alike. This event has been successful for 5 years. Survival Day was an exciting, easy way for organizations to get their messages out to students and for students to find out what kinds of services are available.

Organizations were eager to make themselves known to students and students enjoyed being able to browse between classes. Though they are the main target groups, this event was not only designed for new students.

Any students who wanted to find out what's new or kill time between classes took advantage of Survival Day '95. In fact, many of the students patrolling the different booths were students in higher years taking advantage of the distraction, free agendas and free food.

Didn't I mention the free food? This year, E.C.S.U. combined Survival Day with its Student Appreciation Day. So in addition to coffee, juice and muffins, students were provided a full lunch by Grisanti's.

By the looks of it, Survival Day was a success. A great many students now know what services are open to them and where they can find them. It is certain that these services won't wont for patronage; you know what they say about university students and free stuff, it's like a narcotic. For those of you who didn't get out to Survival Day and don't have the foggiest idea where to go for the services provided and what to do with them, one suggestion is to find a buddy who did. Or you can spend your free time looking them up!

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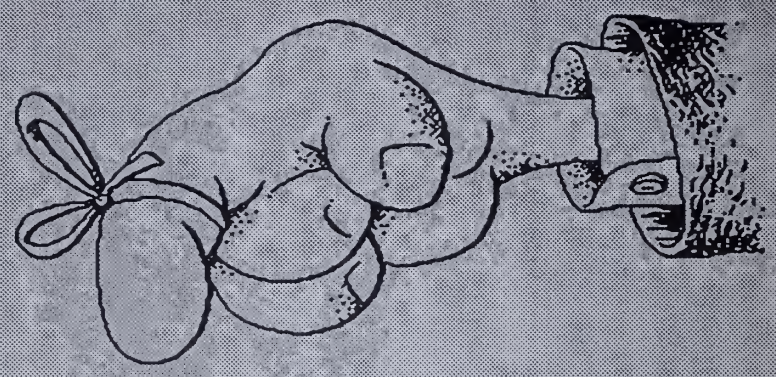

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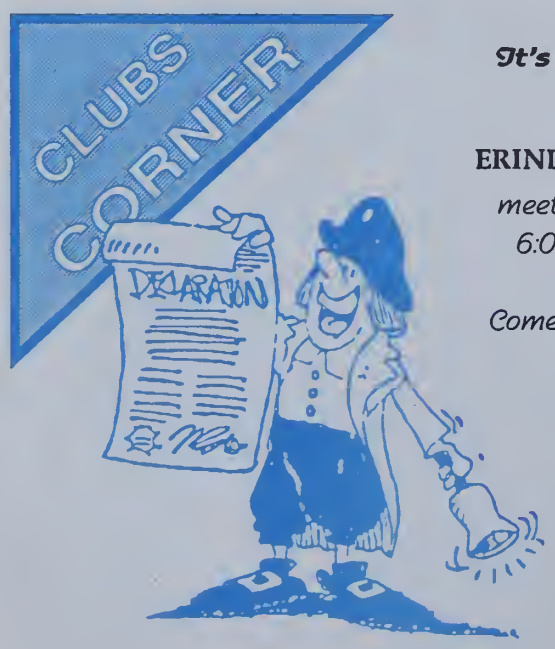

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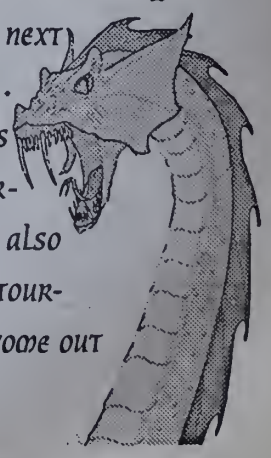

News

Rae shows allegiance to students

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Pritchard said. He also commented that the quality of education will be drastically affected. "In the following 8-10 weeks, irreparable damage is going to be done to quality experience at Ontario universities because of expenditure cuts and this is going to be avoided only if we increase tuition fees and focus on financial aid. I am trying to convince the government to keep the cuts to 400 million dollars, to allow partial deregulation of tuition fees, and to make the government aware of the consequences cuts will have on post secondary education," President Pritchard said.

The last speaker on Friday, September 29, was the Hon. Bob Rae, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party.

He spoke about issues regarding "Finding a Cooperative Student Front." He stressed the negative effects of cuts will have on universities and post-secondary education in general. "I don't agree with these cuts. They are too much, too soon," Mr. Rae said.

He reminded students that they are entitled to answers to a series of questions regarding their post-secondary future: "If fees for students are going to go up, then how much, how fast? What can one do to offset the impact of these cuts in order to ensure accessibility is maintained? How tough is it going to be to cope with higher tuition fees?"

Mr. Rae also urged student leaders to build alliances with their fellow students, and to extend these alliances to other student bodies from other universities. In Rae's opinion, university administrations do not want to systematically deny access to people solely on the basis of poor financial means.

Mr. Rae also made it clear that he did not come to this debate to discuss the Tories, but rather to offer his help toward solving the crisis that post-secondary institutions face. "I did not come here to discuss the Tories. I don't like what the Tories are doing to this province. I don't share their view. If there is any way that we, as Opposition, can help, we'd be glad to do it, but this is going to take a lot of time and effort on everybody's part," Mr. Rae said. Afterwards, Mr. Rae entertained questions from the delegates.

Question: "Do you think students can influence policy at this point?"

Mr. Rae: "The fact is that you will have to pay more money for your education. If there is a large increase in tuition fees, the government should give grants to student who cannot afford to cover all the costs. Students who are capable and bright should not be forced to quit due to their financial situation.

"I don't think it is too late to influence the policy. If you are persistent, the ministry will have to be open to discussion."

"It is very important for you to have a sense of unity and speak as one voice on the main issues."

Mr. Rae stressed the importance of unity in ensuring the students' voice be heard. "It is very important for you to have a sense of unity and speak as one voice on the main issues. If I were a minister, I would sit down and discuss with different student groups." Rae believes that the government's transfer of the debt from society's shoulders to students' shoulders is unfair, and that is why students have to make their voices heard. Students should not set impossible tasks for themselves, because there is only so much people can do, when faced with this bleak reality.

How would Mr. Rae mobilize public opinion to the importance of higher education when the public is already facing welfare and health care cuts, and some people who have university degrees still face unemployment or work in jobs below their qualifications? Mr. Rae believes it is going to take time and effort working with universities to develop a common case for higher education.

"The problem is the under funding for higher education. The general public very strongly supports higher education, but people are concerned with the accessibility to universities due to cuts that will generate increases in tuition fees. Also, within the business community, higher education is valued due to the connection between a prosperous economy and the expertise of employees who hold university degrees.

In the business community, there is concern over higher tuition that might affect accessibility to post-secondary education," Mr. Rae said.

On the second day of the seminar, Toni Skarica, Parliamentary Assistant for College and Training in Mike Harris' government, addressed the future of education in Ontario under the Tory financial axe.

Skarica informed the crowd that all proposed cuts outlined in the Common Sense Revolution will be followed without exception.

This lack of variance from the original Tory plans is explanation enough for the lack of public debate on education policy over the past summer, according to Skarica. Now Skarica says, he is more than willing to work with students. After being barraged with questions by attending students, Skarica explained that the only foreseeable problems generated by Tory cuts would be rising student debt and less accessibility for poorer students.

According to Skarica, there will be no new system of loan repayment until the 1997-98 school year. The Tory budget debate on November 15 will determine the extent of the final cuts.

Over a two day seminar, student leaders from major Canadian universities came together to express their concerns over the cuts planned by government and their influence on post secondary education. At the end of this conference, consensus was reached on the primary issue of what can be done to ensure accessibility to higher education, even though tuition hikes will surely present an obstacle. ECSU President, Nick Panou stated that the "greatest thing to happen these two days was the coming together of all these university's to discuss the future. The second is that acting will be take. These two days were a great success."

This consensus can only be reached when, as Alex Vaccari said, we as students put aside our differences and work together to defend our position and rights in society. The future can be influenced by us if we are willing to find some common ground, to agree on the main ideas of solving the crisis of post-secondary education. United in a cooperative student front, we can make a difference."

Ex-Premier turned U of T professor explains his perspective on the future of Ontario universities to an enthralled gathering.

photo by Melinda Serafico

CORRECTION

In last weeks edition a story on Special Services contained two errors which were inserted during production. One sentence should have read, "The Registrar's Office was able to absorb this loss." A second should have read, "Special Services has had to compensate for this reduction in the student body with a further loss of $25,000."

The Medium
regrets the errors.

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Observatory to be erected on South Building

by Mike Krotowski

A planetary observatory will be built, atop the roof of Erindale's South Building by the end of the school year. Currently, half of the South Building's roof is occupied by the greenhouse, leaving the eastern half free for development. The observatory, when complete, will have three observation platforms. U. J. Krull, the Dean of Sciences revealed that the initiative for this project was the very generous donation of a 12 inch reflecting telescope.

The location of the observatory is currently occupied by temporary greenhouses. The roof of Erindale's South Building offers a magnificent view of the south and north of the campus and gives a very interesting nocturnal view.

Future sight of the observatory.

photo by Jamie Tyndall

The eastern side of the roof is interrupted by a wall that encloses a stairwell. However, theDean of Sciences feels that this obstacle can be used to the observatory's advantage. On the exterior of the stairwell facing the greenhouse, a screen will be mounted, and portable seats will be placed around it allowing classes to be taught on the roof of the building with the necessary application tools just a few metres away.

In addition to the first telescope, a second, larger telescope, will be purchased by the university—if funds are available after Premier Harris' proposed cuts to post secondary education are announced.

In order for this observatory to be a success, a second, 16 inch telescope must be purchased by the university. The purchase however, can only be made if the budget allows, and this is questionable considering Premier Harris' broad tax cutting is expected to hit post secondary education quite severely. Despite this looming obstacle, plans are going ahead at full throttle and all are optimistic about its success.

The second telescope would be equipped with digital viewing equipment, and hooked up to a main control room adjacent to the stairwell. The third platform, closest to the greenhouse, is designated as the "Visitor's Platform."

In a far-sighted move, the planners of the observatory designed this third platform for hobbyists and others who have an interest in this fascinating field to bring their own telescopes and other viewing instruments. The spot promises an excellent view of the night sky and is sure to be the busiest

Radio Erindale set to be on air this month

by Sabah Arab

Radio Erindale - something all Erindale students are anxiously waiting for. Radio Erindale's grand opening party was a big success, every one had a wonderful time and Radio Erindale should be on the air soon. However, a few barriers have delayed the whole process of the airing of Radio Erindale. Though the FM license application to register CFRE nationally was sent to the license bureau in Ottawa on time, officials in Ottawa thought the application was incorrect. They couldn't understand why Radio Erindale wanted to start on a Thursday in the middle of the month. This was the first part of the delay.

After investigating the problem, *The Medium* was able to contact a confidential source inside Radio Erindale. According to an internal source who didn't wish to be identified, another reason why the Radio Erindale license is not in place yet is because "none of the staff members called the license bureau to reconfirm the application."

The license bureau in Ottawa was unprepared to process a license application that was not requested for the beginning of a calendar month. The anonymous source revealed that "the main reason of this delay is poor leadership and improper communication between the staff members. Everyone should be assigned duties to work on. Here, everyone is trying to do all the work themselves. What is the use of running an organization when there is no unity among anyone?"

According to Christy Maietta, Public Relations Director of ECSU, the government offices have postponed the release of CFRE's license until October. Nonetgeless, Radio Erindale has numerous events planned for the month of October.

Radio Erindale is something everyone is looking forward to. The delay is unfortunate but no particular person can be blamed. Patience pays. Our expectations tell us that Radio Erindale is worth waiting for. Besides, it's already October.

Drunken males, power failures, and Pub incident

CAMPUS POLICE REPORT
PROPERTY CRIME

September 19, 5:10 p.m.: A student filed a report with the campus police indicating that his vehicle was struck while parked in Lot #8. Damage to the vehicle was minor.

Natty News Bits
by Lennox Phillips

False Alarms

September 19, 7:19 p.m.: Emergency phone #2, located at residence parking lot #2, was activated. Responding officer, finding no one, determined the signal to be false. However, the increased number of activations have officers wondering if faulty wiring may be the cause of activation.

September 24, 4:30 p.m.: Three males from a local high school activated emergency phone #4 and fled the area. The students were apprehended by campus police and admitted their guilt. It turns out that the student activated the phone before reading the sign about its purpose. In his apology to the officers, he indicated his ambition of becoming a nuclear engineer. The officers were taken aback.

Miscellaneous

September 19, 2:35 p.m.: Health Services staff and Campus Police accompanied a student to Health Services after the student fainted during an experiment in the South Building.

September 21, 11:30 p.m.: A male suspect, standing in front of the Blind Duck Pub, was arrested by Campus Police for trespassing after refusing to leave the area after being repeatedly asked to do so. The situation is currently under investigation by Peel Regional Police as the arrested male, who is not an Erindale student, has contercharged the arresting Campus officer.

September 23, 3:00 p.m.: Sporadic power failures occurred throughout residence Phases 2, 4 and 5. After several hours, a deteriorated underground wire was determined as the source of the power shortages. All power was restored around 12:30 the next morning.

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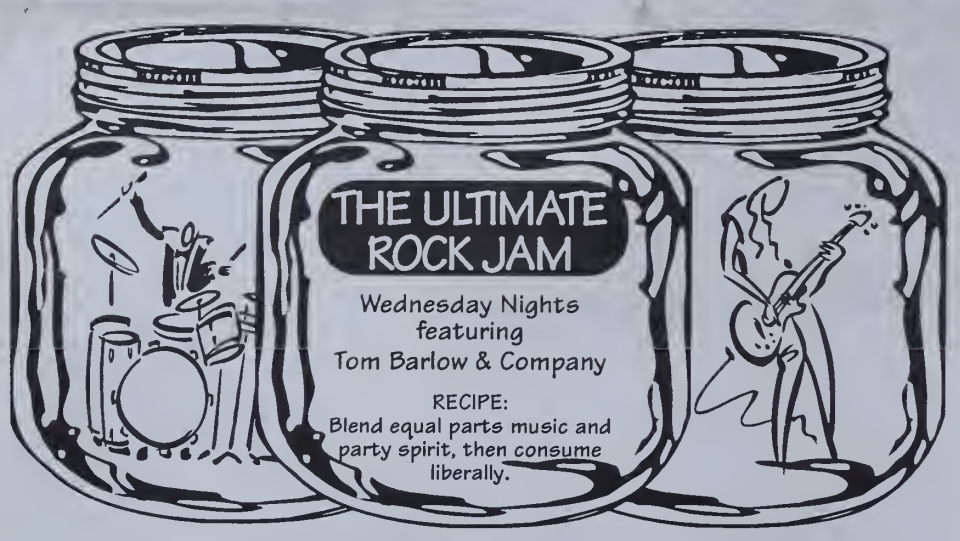
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Lynda Vera : Making positive self-image a priority

Flyers about stress management, self-esteem and body image awareness are posted all over campus. Currently, Erindale's Health Services is working with the Peel Health Department to bring these services to Erindale. This partnership was formed in the early 1990's when there was a shift to group education and working with community groups by Health Services.

News Feature
by Gayon Robinson

Lynda Vera, a R.N. with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Toronto, is a Community Health Nurse who has worked with Health Services at Erindale since the fall of 1991. During this time she has worked with individuals suffering from poor self-esteem, body image and stress.

Vera was interviewed at the Erindale Health Services Office.

Gayon Robinson: Why did you become a nurse?

Lynda Vera: I was always interested in Health care.

G.R.: Why did you decide to work with in the field of Health Promotion?

LV.: I was working as an emergency nurse and as a critical care nurse, but I got the feeling that in some cases we were prolonging the lives of people who didn't need it. I guess you could say it was an ethical problem I had. I was ready for a change in career path.

G.R.: What benefits do you see from Peel Health working with Erindale Health Services?

L.V.: I think Peel Health complements Health Services. We collaborate with them and, we help them know the sources available to students.

G.R.: Are the services Peel Health provides shifting to a particular group of people?

L.V.: We have expanded. We still see people in their homes but we also perform services for groups, like the stress management seminars. Peel Health has seminars and courses for the entire community. These seminars and courses are held in offices, malls
and community centers.

G.R.: What exactly is stress management?

L.V.: It's learning to recognize stress signals and making time for relaxing activities. These activities actually make you more productive and they should be
practiced on a regular basis.

G.R.: How much time should each person spend on relaxing activities?

L.V.: That really depends on the specific person.

G.R.: What activities do you consider to be relaxing?

L.V.: Deep breathing, meditation and any physical activity that will give you a mental break. We need to discharge the tension that we accumulate everyday.

G.R.: What is body image?

L.V.: That is the mental image you have about yourself. It deals with how you are able to take care of your body. This includes listening to the signals your body gives you, like hunger and lack of sleep. You have to have a realistic picture of yourself in your mind. An unrealistic self-image can lead to discomfort and anxiety. We want women to recognize themselves as a whole person — this applies to guys as well.

G.R.: Do you see the need for body image seminars and courses to be more prevalent among high school or university students?

L.V.: Poor body image is a big problem everywhere. There are eight and nine year olds who are dieting. There is this preoccupation with weight.

G.R.: What is your role in all of this? Do you counsel only those people who are suffering from poor body image?

L.V.: Peel Health and Health Services tries to prevent a negative body image. We also help those people suffering from eating disorders caused by poor body image and we help them to identify the root of this poor body image.

G.R.: What is your vision? What would you like to see happen with Health Services and Peel Health?

L.V.: I would like to see students work with nurses. This could take the form of peer education or counselling.

G.R.: Are you working towards this vision?

L.V.: Yes. During Survival Day we were approached by a student involved with the Women's Resource Centre and a Don from one of the residences. We were also approached by a male student with the Coalition for Humanitary Action and New Global Empowerment who was interested in getting involved with our department.

An invitation has been extended to those students who would like to get in contact with Peel Health; you can call the Peel Healthline at (905) 791-7800 extension 7201. This line is available from 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m..Anyone interested in the upcoming seminars and courses offered by Peel Health on Stress Management, Self-Esteem and Body Image Awareness is asked to contact Health Services.

Students lose at Registrars

by Neil McEwan

This year's batch of returning students at Erindale could have been forgiven for thinking that if they registered for their courses and paid their fees, they would be enrolled for another year, just as they always have been. But they would have been wrong all the same.

Due to a new policy enacted by the Registrar's Office, over five-hundred students were unceremoniously dropped from courses that they had paid and registered for, simply because they did not provide a proof of payment to the Registrar by September 8th.

The account given by one student, who did not wish her name to be used, was typical. Two weeks into the term, she attempted to drop a course, only to be told by the Registrar' s Office that she was not registered in any courses. This was despite the fact that she had registered in person in mid-August, and that her name was also on class attendance lists.

After showing her proof of payment to the Registrar, she was allowed to re-register. Of course, by this time she was only able to enroll in one of the four courses she had paid for. Consequently, the student was out several hundred dollars from the purchase of books for courses she could not take.

Registrar Les McCormick was ill and unavailable for comment on this issue; in contrast no one else at his office was willing to talk to *The Medium*. Unfortunately, concerned students were eager to share their views. "They should make it clearer," said student Ryan Duquette who also was unceremoniously dropped from his courses.

As a first-year student Duquette was able to choose other courses from a large selection, but he noted that his friends in the third and fourth years of their programs were not so lucky.

As a consequence of this new rule, the university is reaping an indirect financial benefit from students who registrar and pay for courses, but do not provide physical proof of payment and are subsequentlydeleted from the course list.

No one is suggesting that this is deliberate, but the university should avoid the appearance of impropriety in this case by allowing the students to get what they pay for, as they have in years past.

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The crisis in education.

Education is recognized as a major contributor to success in adult life. Students enrolled in secondary schools are in competition for advancement; hence, there is no limit to the demand for post-secondary educational resources.

Today, academics, policy makers, the business community, and students all recognize and stress the importance of post-secondary education for the social and economic health of the province and country in the unforgiving, hyper-competitive global economy. The provincial governments' announced spending cuts illustrate that they don't share this understanding.

The provincial government intends to immediately reduce funding to colleges and universities by $400 million. The Tories state that "Colleges and universities must take on the obligation to find as much of that $400 million savings as possible by streamlining their bureaucracies and operating systems."

Translated from politicalbullshitspeak to comprehensible english this means that vital services will be eliminated. These vital services would include replacing retired professors, cutting research funding, decreasing or eliminating health, safety, and harassment offices and eliminating infrastructure maintenance programs. As a result every member of the university community suffers.

At this past weekends' "The Universities in Crisis Roundtable" conference Toni Skarica, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education and Training attempted to deflect criticisms from the governments' slash and burn plans by stating that universities could minimize the damage of the cuts by pursuing increased corporate involvement with universities. Amongst other things this corporatisation of education would include encouraging corporations to trade money for research. As a result corporations would direct the research and then reap the profits from the efforts of graduate and undergraduate alike.

The Tory proposals accelerate the trend toward the Americanization of our educational system. Hitherto, when educators and administrators proudly referred to the University of Toronto as the "Harvard of the North" the reasoning behind the label was the quality of the professors and programmes. Today the U of T is at the vanguard of thought and research. Tomorrow the "Harvard of the North" monicker will refer only to the $30, 000 per year tuition required to enroll and stroll these soon to be empty halls. Such would be the long term effects of these 'fiscally responsible' but extremely shortsighted moves.

As disturbing as the initial announcements have been, the future initiatives are gloomier. While students presently enrolled can expect tuition increases of up to 400% in the next few years, tomorrow's students may only dream about a university education from afar.

It is imprudent and irresponsible for the provincial government to slash funding to the already cash bare university system while no mechanisms are in place to alleviate the pain. The government has stated that changes to the loan system will not be in place until 1997-1998. If nothing else this confirms that the governments platform is fiscally driven; nary a thought has arisen about the objectives of an education system. The ascension of John 'Create-a-crisis' Snobelen to the education portfolio should have been a harbinger. Ideas of accessibility have been replaced by quasi-notions like 'count-on-ably'. Say, what, John?

At the conclusion of the conference student leaders reached a consensus on a number of points: the disastrous effects the cuts will have on post-secondary education; the urgency required for students and opposition groups to respond; and, the need for a united front.

The latter point is a matter of concern for student leaders and students across the province. During the past few years a rift has arisen between the two main student organizations the established CFS-O and upstart OUSA. Over the past decade CFS-O has built a poor reputation for being an inefficient, bureaucratic and unfocused organization. OUSA for their part have added a voice to the discussion. However, their policies have served to exacerbate existent student loan policy problems and their actions have brought about concerns about fiscal mismanagement. Both organizations have dedicated too much time to slagging off on each other.

The need for closing the rift has never been so dire.

Special Thanks to Shilpa, Mike Krotowski and the fearless slayer of small furry critters. Dom, squirrels *are* your friends. Great photos Miranda, and Jeremy. Thanks, Nick.
Rob: Thanks for the shirt. And, by the way. "The number you have reached should be in service." Katie, can't you calm that boy down. Relax, Big Bad Bob. Question of the week: Is there a job in Snobelen's office for Erindale's own Mr. Create-a-crisis? Remember: BoD meeting today. No paper next week.
Natalie: what do you feed Piglet? Does he like Mozart?
Hey, Big T. Luv ya, miss ya, kiss ya, see ya...soon!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor,

Re: Article on Special Services in September 25 edition,

We are writing to express concern about the article and with the editorial choice of caption that accompanied the photograph on the front cover of the Medium. As a result, unwarranted anxiety has been created among the Erindale community, specifically within the student group utilizing this service.

The reference to a $25, 000 budget cut is incorrect. The only reduction faced by Erindale College was the $7,000 in 1994/95.

Contrary to the caption that accompanied the photograph, there are no plans to eliminate this service from the Erindale Campus.

We want to reassure readers that provision of service to Erindale students is important to both of us. Anyone who is still concerned may contact either one of us.

Eileen Barbeau,
Director, Special Services
University of Toronto

Karen McLeister
Associate Registrar
Erindale College

Dear Editor,

I am impressed with your newspaper's full page coverage on STDs in the September 25 edition. I think we share the same importance of providing health information to our student community to increase their awareness, knowledge, and skills to improve their health.

To improve students health, a new Health Services Resource Centre, an extended Health Service from Student Health Service Outreach Program from the St. George campus, University Health Service Department, is set up and will be in operation from October 2, 1995.

Your newspaper is well received on the St. George campus, and I think your assistance in this matter will enhance communication of this new resource to the students.

Sincerely,
Stephen Cheung

Dear Editor,

I am writing on behalf of The Society a multicultural club at Erindale, regarding the article on the of *The Medium*'s September 25th edition entitled "Clubs Week takes over Meeting Place."

As a third year student at Erindale, I have come to expect only the highest standards in publication from *The Medium*. It came as a surprise to me that the segment in the article regarding The Society was neither fair nor entirely factual.

With reference to the loud music, we acknowledge our involvement; however, we complied with all ECSU regulations regarding the matter. Furthermore, we do not think it was fair that The Society was singled out as "the main culprit." There were other clubs playing equally loud music. As far a the facts are concerned, we did not set up a DJ booth on the second day as stated in the artilce; that was another club.

With this being our first year, we do not feel that the information published about our club was fair to us.

Thank You,
Allan Bonifacio, Liaison Officer
The Society

LETTERS POLICY

The Medium accepts all letters. At the discretion of the Editor we will not publish those that incite hatred or violence against an identifiable group or person, those that are clearly racist, homophobic, sexist or libelous. Letters may be edited for brevity and coherence. Priority will be given to timely topics and new writers. Letters should be submitted on disk, by e-mail, or fax.

Talking Heads

Should governments continue to partially subsidize post-secondary education?

Samar Elroz
"Yes,... because that is what the majority of students rely on. If they stopped OSAP, only the upper class would have a chance to be educated. OSAP gives everybody an equal chance."

Stephanie Gentili
"Yeah, most can't afford university right now. They would benefit from the government's help. Fewer people would attend the university if the gov't didn't

Chris Ward
"I don't think they should cut it all together, but they should regulate it better, so the people who actually need it, get it."

photos by Tracey Therriault

PERSPECTIVES

Is it right to cut benefits to welfare recipients?

YES

DOM MOCHRIE

During his campaign, Mike Harris promised that the Common Sense Revolution would mean wide spread cost-cutting that would affect all Ontarians. True to his word, Harris has started to trim the fat that the activist governments of the past ten years have accumulated. The Rae government doubled Ontario's provinical debt, and now Harris will have to be the bad guy and start the cuts. The cuts that the Harris government have to make are going to cut deeply into all social programs. Health care has been targeted for severe cuts, many civil service jobs have been made redundant, and welfare checks across the province are being reduced 21.6%. These cuts will eventually bring more investments, improve Ontario's credit rating and create a more stable economy for all Ontarians.

There is no reason why those who already receive free money (welfare) should consider themselves exempt. It is being argued that welfare recipients are assuming an unfairly large portion of the cuts. The use of 'unfair' is questionable because they aren't losing that much. Benefits for a single person have been cut by $143 a month, but what seems to be largely ignored by these non-contributing members of society is that, along with the cuts, the Tories simultaneously increased allowable income 240%. This means that to make up the difference between the old and new welfare cheques, the recipient only has to work five hours a week at minimum wage. Not bad when you compare that to the $1 billion that has been trimmed off the fatty, excessive welfare system. Above all, welfare rates in Ontario are still 10% higher than the national average.

Like the rest of us, welfare recipients will have to make some major adjustments to live with the new system. For the few who choose not to work, are we supposed to care that they aren't living in luxury? Or even in contentment? This goes beyond just buying necessities like staple foods and practical clothes before luxuries like of beer and fashion; this means cutting things most people take for granted, like cable television.

By making these cuts, the Ontario government is practicing what it's preaching by living within it's means.The simple beauty of the new and improved system is that it makes a lifestyle on welfare difficult and unpleasant. Welfare isn't supposed to support hobbies and reward a life of indolence and sloth. What better incentive is there for getting employed? People might have to 'stoop' to working at fast food restaurants, but there are always jobs available.

Those who will insist there are no jobs should take the initiative and employ themselves. This would be the first step in breaking the determinism mind set that is more detrimental to welfare recipients than the Tories' cuts would ever be. Welfare was designed as a temporary, last-ditch resort to those who really could not get the money elsewhere, not as the lifestyle choice that some people seem to be making it.By making cuts to welfare recipients, the Tory government has made a difficult but intelligent decision. Unlike past short-sighted governments who have come up with nothing more original than raising taxes for people with jobs, the Tories have made the first step towards Ontario's fiscal security without singling out the working classes.

The only people who truly suffer under the Tories' cuts will be the lazy few who have chosen to stay on welfare. These leaches of society have been overlooked long enough and are experiencing a jolt as they come into the real world. They are beginning to realize that they actually have to get employed instead of living off those of us who work to support our lifestyles. Those on welfare should adopt a more positive attitude about their share of the extensive cuts, which are planned for all social programs. In the long run, it will mean a brighter financial future for Ontario.

NO

SEAN CAIN

In a truly civilized society, no one should live in fear of hunger, clothing shortages, poor housing or unemployment. But, for the unfortunate people of Ontario who do not have the pleasure of a decent-paying job or a respectable standard of living, times are about to get worse.

This week, Premier Mike Harris and the Conservatives have cut 22 per cent of benefits to welfare recipients. This will obviously affect the very poorest individuals in Ontario and harm a disproportionate number of women, visible minorities, and most unfortunately, children (to whom an incredible 65 per cent of all welfare dollars go to in our province).

Some of the myths and accusations about people on welfare are truly startling. The first incorrect myth seems to be very clear to many - "poor people are really lazy; they don't make enough money because they watch television all day and drink beer." The fact is that 70 per cent of people living in poverty do have jobs. The only problem is that their working hours and wages are not high enough for them to maintain a decent income.

Another myth about welfare is that there are "a lot of frauds who cheat the system." According to a study by a national auditing firm only 3 per cent of welfare claims actually are fraudulent. By comparison, income tax fraud, especially by wealthy individuals and corporations, is estimated to be at over 20 per cent. People also believe that it is possible to "live like a king" on welfare. In actually, welfare rates in Ontario are still 20% below the poverty line (and with the new conservative government, this number is going to rise).

I truly fail to understand those who are in favor of these cuts to Ontario's welfare system. What they do not realize is that these same drastic measures may one day come back to haunt them. For example, when social programs are weak, working people have fewer economic choices and employers are in a better position to demand wage roll-backs. When this occurs, workers will have little choice but to take it or leave it. The result is falling wages, widespread poverty (even among employed people), growing inequality and despair. All people must realize that a decent welfare program is helpful to everyone, even those who are seemingly well off, for the simple reason that it protects their jobs and standard of living.

On the other hand, those who oppose these cuts to our welfare system actually should not be angry only at Premier Mike Harris. They should realize that what he is doing is in perfect harmony with conservative ideology.

The entire right-wing philosophy states that if there is a problem in society, find the most vulnerable group of individuals and blame everything on them. Conservatives usually take social problems out on women, children, visible minorities, students and senior citizens. If that doesn't work, there are always immigrants, the unemployed and welfare recipients to use as scapegoats. If Mike Harris admits that we are in such tough economic times and cannot afford a welfare system, then why is he giving a 30 per cent tax cut to individuals making over $150 000 a year? This certainly doesn't sound like common sense to me.

In all fairness, those who say that welfare isn't the answer are partially correct. What society needs is a policy of full employment, which will allow individuals to freely pursue their dreams without the fear of poverty or unemployment. Our government also needs to institute a national child care program and a free, universal education system. If this is done, there would be no need for a social safety net. This can only be realized, however, in a democratic, socialist society where *everybody* has access to a high standard of living.

As long as capitalism, exploitation and inequality exist, so will the welfare system.

OLOGIES & ISMS

Ologies and Isms is a weekly forum dedicated to topical discussions on matters political, ideological and philosophical. Writers interested in contributing should contact the Editor.

OUT OF THE MARGINS: WOMEN'S ISSUES

One would think that in today's society, with the advancement of education, CONDOMS would not pose a great threat to anyone. If any of you out there have that assumption, you are mistaken.

During club's week the Women's Centre decided to offer condoms and Hershey's kisses at our table. The responses we received were really funny.

On the first day a student walked up to our table, looked at the condoms and remarked, "You guys should not have condoms on your table. You promote sex."

Our reply to that remark was," We are not promoting sex. We are promoting safe sex."

He replied," Sex, just like homosexuality, should be kept under the table." My table mate summed up both our emotions by responding, "You know, I feel sorry for you. You are just plain ignorant."

At this point we had a hearty laugh. A few minutes later, another group of students walked up to our table and stared with disbelief at the condoms. Then they started to laugh uncontrollably. On noticing that we were laughing at them we heard a whole bunch of 'shhhh'. As they walked away, they murmured "Oh my God! Did you see those condoms." We received comments like this all day.

Now, I am not saying that I or anyone who had condoms on their table are intellectually superior or better than those who reacted with shock or disbelief or disdain. I am just surprised by these kinds of responses. I guess at a university level where we learn about minor and predictable things like Newtonian physics, Algebra, Organic chemistry, World History, Literature etc.. an enormous issue like sex and condoms would invoke terror and hatred in the minds of individuals.

Does the sight of a condom make an individual want to denounce their virginity and have sex? I suppose all the nudity and sex on T.V., movies, beer commercials, the stores on Young Street that say " Nudy Dancing and Videos that make you crazy" does not? It's okay to talk about sex as long as it's on T.V., in the movies and on the streets of downtown Toronto — sex which is viewed by millions and millions of people.

If someone has made the conscious decision to abstain from sex, will the sight of an enormous yellow condom make them want to go and have sex?

Well, I guess maybe we should keep safe sex and condoms under our tables.

Just one more thing though, let's also keep the protection from a small, tiny and frivolous matter like AIDS under our tables as well.

Hey! AIDs only happens to other people. I am young and invincible and I will always stay that way. Nothing can touch me."

The point of this article is not to imply that Erindale is ignorant. A large number of students had nothing to say about the condoms. They looked, they saw, they passed. One eager student picked up a condom and said, "I am taking this home with me. I am going to use it this weekend."

By the end of the week the shock value of the condoms had gone away. Students could not be bothered with the condoms. The anxiety of school and other tensions had taken over.

The point of this militant writing is that some people are too narrow minded to appreciate the pro-safe sex message that was being sent out. However, this is the case in any society.

While some people move with the times and accept the things they have to do to keep up, others simply do not. For some people, sex might not be the front burner topic on their minds. Thus they have less reason to dread STD's, AIDS and all the things that come with it. However, someday they will hopefully experience the joy's of sex and then let's hope they use protection.

Just as we should not fear sex, we should not fear the condom. Condoms will not take over our bodies and souls and convert us into sex slaves.

The day the condom takes over the world, and we are under the mercy of the King and Queen condom and their other condom subjects, that will be the day that I take the vow of silence; all the people who know me, are aware how impossible it is for silence to take over my body and soul.

The abilities of the condom aren't limited to protecting us from sexually transmitted diseases.

Its power surrounds all things big and small. The condom works for the betterment of humankind.

So, to the inventor of condoms, I say thank you and keep up the good work.

P.S.:- I would like to thank the INFO-LADY for being the coolest and most helping person. Thanks and I hope you keep up the good work.

by Shilpa Mishra

Out of the Margins focuses on prominent social /cultural areas: the environment, gay issues, women's issues and educational or human rights issues. These diverse subjects have traditionally been marginalized by both the mainstream media and the dominant sociopolitical institutions. *Out of the Margins* brings together passionate, intelligent writers who share one common goal — a desire for a more inclusive society.

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WEEKLY MORON CONTEST

I foresee a mass cooperation of male and female morons this week. Ahh, unity among those with sub-normal intelligence...sort of like a Disney movie. So grab a moron of the opposite sex and tell me

HOW MANY TOILETS ARE THERE IN THE MALE AND FEMALE WASHROOMS JUST OFF THE MEETING PLACE?

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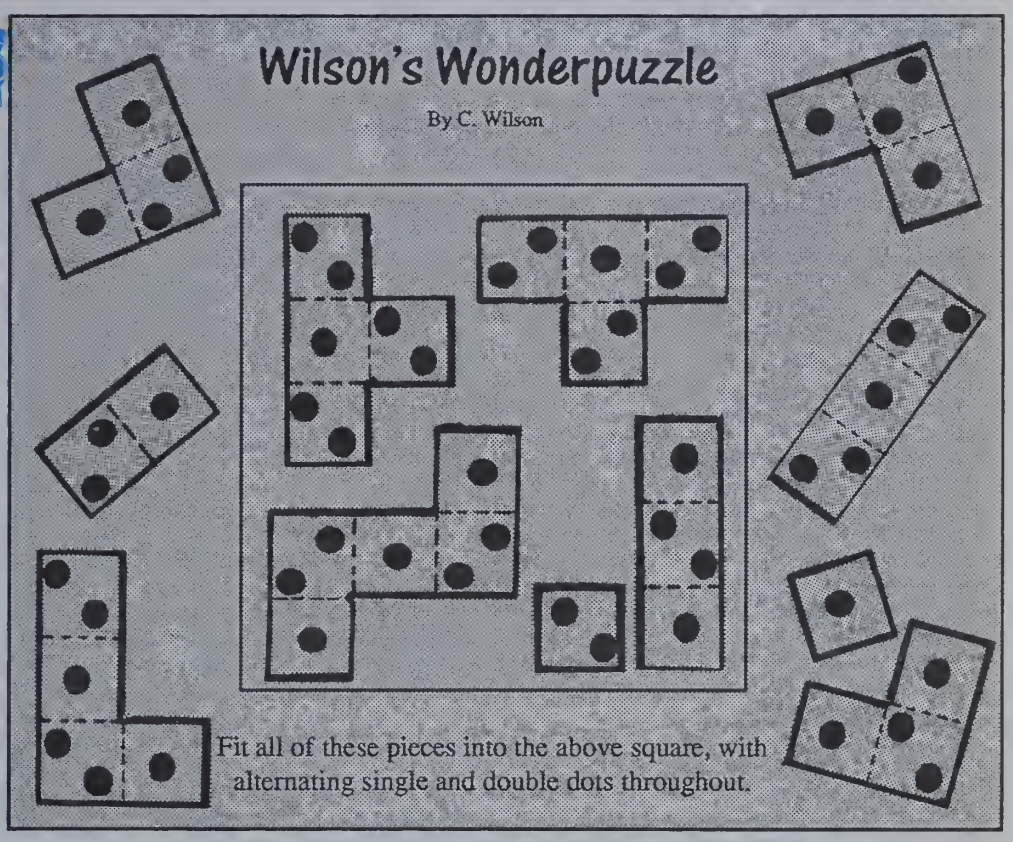
Wilson's Wonderpuzzle

By C. Wilson



Fit all of these pieces into the above square, with alternating single and double dots throughout.

Things to do to clear a crowded room

- Lick the walls and say 'Mmmm...cherry.'
- Start biting your toenails.
- Mutter 'It won't stop itching...'
- Blow up balloons without using your lungs.
- Start every sentence with 'As a feminist...
- Seduce your imaginary friend.
- Every time you sit down, exclaim loudly 'Whoops! Another 'roid just popped.'
- Say 'I can't believe escaping from prison was that easy.'
- Offer to show people your pet genital lice. Be persistent.
- Try to convince people they are the opposite sex.
- Spread your arms and legs and say 'Guess where I'm hiding the beer bottle.'

The OAR HOUSE Treasure Hunt

Mark the answers for the upcoming weeks on the maps that you picked up from my locker last week. If you didn't get one, you can still drop by *The Medium* to pick one up.

Whereabouts on campus does the following geographical reference point to?

X/4 = 2187.5E + 3062.5N

Think you know the answer? Submit a copy of it with your name and phone number to Dom at The Medium. A draw will be made on Friday and the winner will receive a credit of up to $50 for a night of fabulous food, fun and sports at the official bar of campus fun. Congratulations to last week's winner Joanne Lam.

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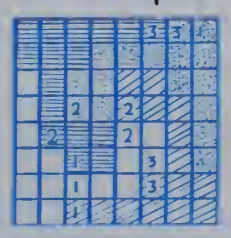
Last Week's Answers

WEEKLY MORON CONTEST

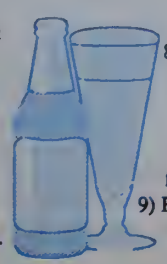
Last week's moron was Fabio Ventolini who found the word **Swatopluk.** Then again, you have to wonder how much of a moron he is, considering he did next to no work and got an easy 20 bucks.

Wilson's Wonderpuzzle



BEER QUIZ ANSWERS

1) Labatt's Blue.
2) Elder's.
3) Interbrew
4) b.
5) Red Dog.
6) Labatt's, Molson's, and Northern.
7) Labatt's Ice brewing process.



8) a) "...Black Label"
b) "...Ex says it all."
c) "...your own dog."
d) "...am Canadian."
e) "...Crystal Beer."
f) "...Miller time."
9) Bock.
10) Upper Canada.

Classifieds

BOOKS! BOOKS!

Alumni Book Sale, King's College Circle, St. George campus (Queen's Park subway), Sat. Oct. 14 (10-5), Sun. Oct. 15 (11-4, free parking on campus today), Mon. Oct. 16 and Tues. Oct. 17 (10-8) and Wed. Oct. 18 (10-1). Proceeds support College Library. Information (416) 978-2968.

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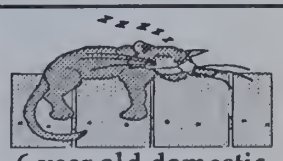

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TECHNOLOGY

the culprit of unemployment in the 1990

"Due to improved technology, the elite will have greater control over the masses."

Sacked, skidded, outplaced, rationalized, redeployed, decruited, decluttered re-employed, let go—these are the euphemisms for unemployment, the chilling feature of many people's lives in the 1990s.

If you are in your early 20s, you may have experienced the 'career chill.' This 'chill' is characterized by the collision of two pressing issues: job prospects and technological innovations. No accurate account of the significance of technology on unemployment can be offered without first recognizing a relationship between technology and human welfare.

Increasingly, the decisions that affect our lives, whether made by scientists, politicians, or corporate Canada, become a zero-sum game—either machines or people. Rarely do we recognise the importance of both. New inventions can make our lives more comfortable when the progress achieved becomes only as important as the achievement of progress. When you have not been able to find an entry-level job in your chosen career, you will feel hard work alone is not sufficient.

And it isn't. Persistent high unemployment has become a rite of passage for many youth.

A recent study done by the Canadian Youth Foundation, a non-profit research organization, and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, uncovered some startling news. The prospects of ever having a career are disappearing. Since the early 1990s, roughly 18 per cent or 400 000 young people aged 15-24 have been unemployed, accounting for one in every three unemployed people in the country. According to Lucie Bohac Conrad, the foundation's Executive Director, young people recently out of school are stuck in entry-level jobs because the 25 to 29-year olds (if they are lucky enough to have a job) are stuck in entry-level jobs.

"Continued neglect of chronic youth unemployment and the lack of skills training will further perpetuate youth poverty and may overburden Canada's social safety net to the point of collapse," the report says.

The report also recommends that the definition of youth unemployment should be extended to include 25 to 29 year old adults. And it's about time. Those of us at that age are delaying marriage and career because there are fewer and fewer entry-level jobs.

While all the blame for youth unemployment cannot be aimed directly at technological innovation, a certainty remains. Technology and its inventors have not delivered their promise of an easier-to-live-in world. As a result, people are pessimistic about technological innovation. Today, technology seduces unsuspecting millions into submission. Inventions—from microwave ovens to 24-hour bank machines—bring new converts to the cult of convenience. We want everything and we want it now.

We can get technology by buying it. But, the situation is not that simple. Yes, we made our technology. But, now, they are making us, making us very miserable.

A movie called *The Gods Must Be Crazy* comes to mind. A Coke bottle, a symbol of the modern world, is dropped from a plane into a small village in Africa. These once-happy villagers think that God has given them a gift. They are now happier. Everyone competes for this mysterious object. Chaos results and the once-peaceful villagers turn into a prototype of modern day Los Angeles or Montreal after the Canadiens win the Stanley Cup. There is not much difference between the Coke bottle and new technology.

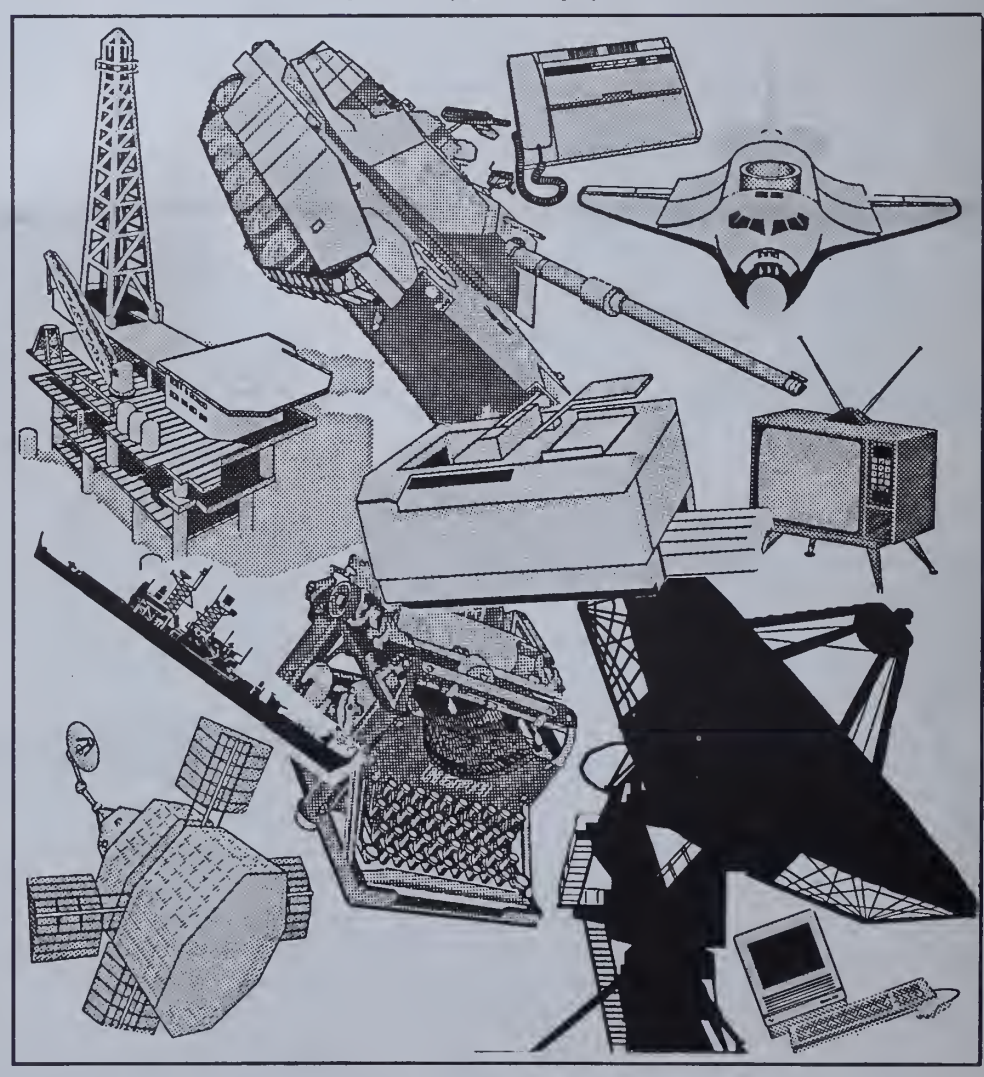
Unwilling to suffer the indignities of a technologically-based economy that encourages us to change our toys more often than Elizabeth Taylor changes marriage partners, some people refuse to surrender. Unabomber [pronounced yoo-na-bomb-er] is one of these people. This self-described anarchist has conducted a campaign of bombings in the United States. He has killed 3 people and wounded 23 others over a period of seventeen years. He targets mainly advertising executives and technologists with his favourite weapon, the package-bomb.

Unabomber's manifesto calls for a revolution against "a corrupt industrial-technological society controlled by a shadowy international elite of government and corporate figures seeking to subvert human freedom." In his 35,000-word essay published in the Washington Post, the Unabomber writes about the nature of freedom, the role of scientists, the sources of social problems, and technology and the elite.

"Due to improved [technology] the elite will have greater control over the masses; and because human work will no longer be necessary, the masses will be a useless burden. If the elite is ruthless, they may simply decide to exterminate the mass of humanity. If they are humane, they may use propaganda or biological [technology] to reduce the birthrate until the mass of humanity becomes extinct, leaving the world to the elite," wrote the Unabomber.

The FBI has distributed this document to university professors throughout the U.S., hoping that one of them will recognize the Unabomber's writing style or ideas.

Unabomber confirms in his manifesto what many health professionals know—the world today seems to be going crazy. In some industrial countries, rates of depression double every ten years. Suicide is the third most common cause of death among young adults in North America, after car accidents and murder. Fifteen per cent of Americans have suffered a clinical anxiety disorder. Given our proximity to the United States in lifestyle and geography, the Canadian numbers probably are not too different.



Is the Unabomber Right?

On an intuitive level, it is not difficult to see the connection between technological development and unemployment. This unholy union has been a source of pain and suffering throughout the century, more so in the last few decades. And it is not just the young who are affected. It's a problem all of us will face. In the 1970s, there was a resurgence of Marx's critique of technology. Harry Braverman's book, *Labour and Monopoly Capital,* explained that technology was designed to deskill and eliminate human labour. Braverman asserts that rich capitalists who own technology compete with one another. To produce the cheapest product, capitalists introduce new labour-displacing technology. If you are lucky enough to still be employed, your labour and you, will become de-skilled, overworked and underpaid. To underscore this point, look at the October 1994 issue of *Report on Business Magazine* titled *Lean, Mean, and Muddled.* In 1993, large U.S. firms announced nearly 600,000 layoffs—25% more than had been announced in a similar period in 1992.

This analysis paved the way for a more sophisticated analysis of technological change. In *The Employment Impact of New Technology*, Egon Matzner and Michael Wagner report that most scholars believe what the Unabomber already knows—a connection exists between increased productivity and unemployment. Matzner and Wagner note that increased productivity is a result of high levels of privately financed research and development—more specifically, technological innovation. Matzner and Wagner's book also concludes that the use of robots in the automotive industry causes unemployment among unskilled workers. The book reports that, over the last ten years, many thousands of jobs have disappeared, particularly in the automotive industry.

A dramatic illustration of the problem of unemployment transpired just outside of Toronto in 1994. When General Motors announced that it had one thousand openings, over forty thousand people showed up. They lined up in freezing January weather; some stood for days! The anticipated jobs were not for the coming weeks, not for the coming months, but for the following year. People found out later that the jobs might not be permanent. GM wanted people ready just in case there was a demand for services. To this day, September 26, 1995, there is no evidence of increased employment at GM. People do not have the money to buy cars. As a result, job creation, especially in this industry, remains a dismal prospect. The sight of shivering men, women, former executives, and overworked housewives lining up for GM's openings is a compelling example that technology, while not solely responsible for unemployment, is not a cure for it either.

A conspicuous example of the effects scientific and technological progress is the application of technology in the women's working world. The Economic Council of Canada's Survey of Automation in Canada conducted an interesting study in the late 1980s. The results showed that sixteen percent of women were working with new technology in 1985 compared with twelve percent of men. Two reasons account for this fact: new technology is more prevalent in the services sector and almost two-thirds of new technology implemented between 1980 and 1985 was in the office. Women are

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Who's the Unabomber?

His legacy, beliefs and objectives

His undiscriminating choice of bombing targets—advertising executives, professors, intercontinental airline flights—makes the Unabomber [pronounced yoo-na-bom-er] a difficult and important man to stop. The FBI suspects that he has attended several universities in the United States. Perhaps the Unabomber proves a point made by Alexander Pope more than two centuries ago: "A little learning is a dangerous thing."

Unabomber's legacy of violence has included 16 attacks in 17 years, killing three people and injuring twenty-three others. The FBI has named him *Unabomber* because he likes to target researchers or professors at universities. So far, he has remained anonymous and unchallenged. With few clues, the FBI have not apprehended this mysterious and self-professed revolutionary. Unabomber considers the FBI a joke. "For an organization that pretends to be the world's greatest law-enforcement agency, the FBI seems surprisingly incompetent," he asserts, "You couldn't find an ape in a phone booth."

What began as a bombing campaign at Northwestern University on May 25, 1978, has culminated into a series of scathing assaults by the Unabomber on modern technological society and its consequences. Recently, the Unabomber sent a 35 000-word essay entitled *Industrial Society and its Future* to *The New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and Bob Guccione, publisher of *Penthouse*. Unabomber promised that if his essay was published, he would not kill again. But his promise came with warnings. He refused to stop sabotaging (i.e. bombing buildings), demanded that the papers publish three annual follow-up statements and cautioned that he would kill one more person if his treatise appeared only in *Penthouse*. Most importantly, he reserved the right to kill again even if his manifesto was published by only the *Times* or the *Post*.

Jack McGeorge, a former secret service agent believes publishing the manifesto is not a bad idea. "If this fellow sticks to his word, and the FBI thinks that he may well do this, then he may stop his attack on people. That's a good thing and we lose nothing."

The *Washington Post*, after months of deliberation, printed the Unabomber's essay last week (September 19th). *The New York Times* paid $40,000 for the seven-page insert in the *Washington Post*.

Another former secret service agent, John Kerns, says that the U.S. Justice Department and the FBI began a dangerous precedent by allowing the publishing of the Unabomber's manuscript.

"What about those other people who have the same or different views as the Unabomber and have a great desire to get published? The formula is now there for extortion. They know how to go about doing it. What do we do when he or someone else asks for one hour of TV time?"

What is it that bothers this bomber? The manifesto criticizes scientists and calls for a revolution against an increasingly complex, dehumanizing and technologically-based economy. He believes that, among others, scientists cause this type of economy. The essay begins with a basic, Rousseauian-type assertion: '**The industrial revolution and its consequences have been a disaster for the human race.**' While he believes that industrialization has produced some benefits in advanced countries, he states that it has caused widespread suffering, robbed human beings of dignity and damaged the environment.

> "A little learning is a dangerous thing."
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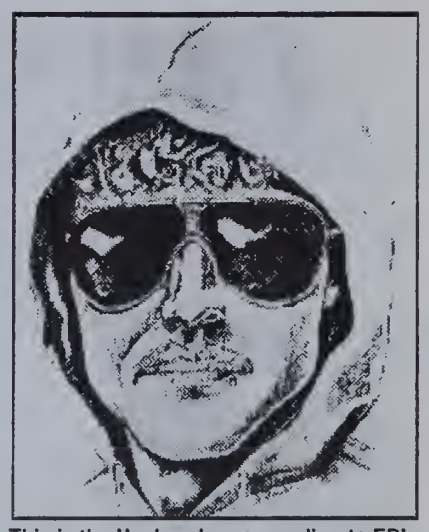
> *Alexander Pope*

The Unabomber laments the hostility that is a product of modern life. Ironically, the Unabomber is no exception. Just ask the FBI, ask his victims, and the families of those who have died by his technological mastery of package bombs. While we deplore the Unabomber's methods, there's a little bit of the Unabomber in all of us. Ask anyone. No one enjoys being a puppet to modernity, namely, those people whom the Unabomber calls "techno-nerds," the masters of twentieth-century technological development, and those people we at Erindale affectionately refer to as the Computer lab guys, the overlords of my POL 451 end-of-term essay.



This is the Unabomber, according to FBI sketch artist, Jim Freeman.

Despite his intelligence, the Unabomber is not a hero. He's a killer, a psychopathic, intelligent guy who is crazy. The FBI thinks that the Unabomber is a loner in search of attention and a loser who has trouble with women. After almost every explosion, the FBI has found the initials bearing FC on the broken metal, a reference to the revolutionary group he claims to represent.

Roger Lane, a Unabomber Scholar, thinks that the media should not emphasize that this is a manifesto like the Communist Manifesto written by Karl Marx.

"In some sense it plays into his hands that this is taken as seriously as the Communist Manifesto was, that this is somehow designed to convert potential revolutionaries, ready to take charge when our society collapses. This man may be working alone no longer as soon as enough people become inspired."

The reason why the Unabomber may never be caught is that he simultaneously destroys evidence as he commits his crimes. This is a signature of his intelligence, his maliciousness and his flair for drama. As far as his luck with women is concerned, you'll have to phone the FBI Headquarters for more information.

[For a copy of the Unabomber's 35 000-word essay, phone the Washington Post Foreign Bureau at 416-365-0437; or send a $5 money order with a request to 1150 15th Ave NW, Wash. D.C., 20071]

by Alek Milosevic

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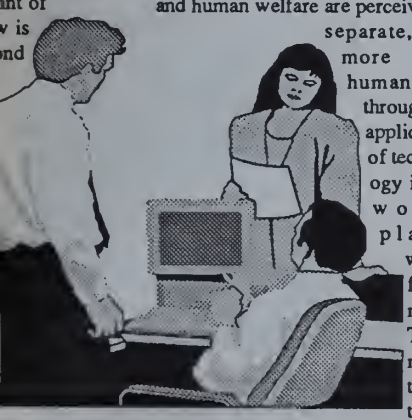
our lives change. We have to learn about and apply new developments quickly. The real issue is whether we deal with technology in a crisis atmosphere, or with foresight, whether the agenda for technology is set by long-term or short-term goals, and whether transformation is spasmodic and brutal or continuous and peaceful.

To the eternal techno-optimists, a worthwhile warning sounded by Friedrich Engels, a nineteenth-century German philosopher, is worth some consideration: "Let us not...flatter ourselves over much on account of our human victories over nature for each such victory takes its revenge on us." This idea is important in the area of unemployment and decisive in the struggle for the dignity of humanity. The more that science, technology and human welfare are perceived as separate, the more that humankind, through the application of technology in the workplace, will fragment. The more that the worker and technology are separated, the more that science and technology are separated from human happiness, the less hope there is for reconciliation.



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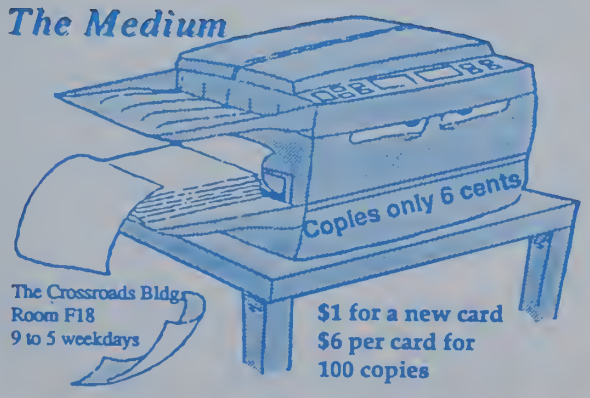

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PARTY REVIEW

by
Natalie Secretan

Remember when you were a little kid, watching TV, wondering how the little people got inside there? Well, OK — I was born in the 60s, you know. Anyway...

Thursday night inside 299 Queen Street West, I was one of those little people ...that is behind all the huge, mega wonder-stars that graced the stage the night of the MUCHMUSIC VIDEO AWARDS.

MUCHMUSIC put together a feast of fun, entertainment and the opportunity to view from the inside, how Znaimer's *family* put it all together. MUCHMUSIC is a long stream of corridors with walls bedecked in TV sets, and on this night — VR games, Speaker's Corner cams, food, food, food, and libation.

In fact, my first reaction upon entering the party was to locate a face with which I was familiar. One problem! I was by myself and knew NO ONE. It was time to mingle and introduce oneself to further one's career and all that schmooze plooze. Nah...not me.

I walked through the whole building and came out in to the back of the parking lot.

Split in two, the lot was covered with a grand marquee teeming with peoples. On the other side was the stage set-up for an audience. I headed for the covered canvas shelter, and ...Lo and Behold... **Odds! Odds! Odds!**

The place was so packed; the only way I was able to locate Pat and Doug was because they were standing beside the food table! And that was where I was headed!

After finishing off a plate of vegetation, and a pleasant conversation with Pat, I waited for Doug to finish autographing *Good Weird Feeling* covers... He was flushed with a plethora of small happy faces, nervously holding out their things-to-be-signed. Doug was just a *little* bit pre-occupied and grabbed my empty Chinette. Puzzled, he looked down at it for a minute and wrote ...FOOD.

This prompted a whole conversation about the Edge Fests this summer and how we were all looking forward to the fest called FOOD FEST. Now that would be a party!

Steven and Craig joined Doug and Pat and their friend Vince from Ginger, who is currently touring with Mae Moore. And then it was SHOW TIME.

Moist opened the show with *Silver* in the MUCHMUSIC parking lot. It was a mosh of mad, merry MUCH-happy little folk dancing, screaming and reaching for the over-head V-cam, as it whizzed past the top of their heads.

Charlene Smith was next on in the MUCHMUSIC studio. I had no time to get there for the crowd, so I sought refreshment and then headed back to the parking lot to see **treble charger**. Somebody has a new hair-do, eh! Sonic Unyon's Sandy, (and Tristan pSionic) received a much-ado from Security Guard No. 10, when he tried to get back into the party. Sandy lost his media pass!

Treble charger were followed by **Dream Warrlors & Raggdeath** from the MUCH window/citystore — too far away for me to reach on time. I wandered around and finally, I bumped into a friend, Attila, who was with Rainbow Butt Monkeys and Chris from Glueleg. And then it was off to see **Sarah McLachlan.**

This was no easy feat. The place was packed: trays of food whisked by, shrimp, Il Fornello-like pizzas, kebabs; a frantic camera-man, more food. Oh look there's Carol Pope. Ooooh Natalie Pujo! *Breakfast Television*, *News*, *MUCH*; aahhh... a washroom!

Standing in front of me in the queue, was a 8 foot wo-man. She had her hair wrapped in coke-can rollers and she was dressed from head-to-toe in red —red kimono, red club-kid platform shoes and red Geisha make-up.

"'You a man or a woman?" The woman in front of him asked.

"A man, of course!"

"Why're you in the women's washroom?"

"Why do you think?!"

The 8 foot human looked at me over the stall-door and winked!

An intimate crowd piled into the Bravo studio to see **Sarah McLachlan.** How can I possibly describe what I felt standing 3 feet away from Sarah and her piano. I don't have to tell you... imagine.

Odds closed the show with a performance from the window of the MUCHMUSIC studio. Tom Wilson, from Junkhouse made faces into the v-cam from under his failed disguise, while we stood and watched: Pat cracked the skins, Doug grooved and pulled on his strings, Steven on the mic, stared into TV-viewer land, and Craig jammin', crammin' -- rhythm divine!

Now, I was there as a reporter, but do you think I can remember who won what? I remember seeing Jann Arden on the screen quite a FEW times, and of course Alanis, Weezer, Moist, Tea Party...

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The mighty Sonic Unyon gang weeps in jubilee

All hail the mighty **Unyon**, are the last words in the liner notes of treble charger's latest release *self=title*. The mighty **Unyon** indeed.

INTERVIEW

by
Jen Campbell

Sonic Unyon Records was formed in July 1993 by Mark Milne and Sandy McIntosh, of **Unyon** band Tristan pSionic. When **Sonic Unyon** started out, there were two bands (Tristan pSionic and Smoother) and they distributed to only three stores. Just two years later, releases from **Sonic Unyon's** nine bands have become available across Canada.

"We didn't really have any idea how far it would take us," says co-founder Mark Milne. "We just thought we'd put out our tape and this tape for these guys and see whatever comes of it."

When **Sonic Unyon** first started out, everything was done by hand from Mark's basement and they were limited to a production of four tapes at a time.

"Then we just colour copied the covers, made the stickers and put it all together by hand."

Does Tristan pSionic take a back seat to **Sonic Unyon**?

Mark replies, laughing, "If we worked as hard on our band as we did on our label we'd be a great band!"

For any bands who want to get on the **Sonic Unyon** label, your best bet is to get a gig with Tristan pSionic. "Mostly, we come across bands because we play with a lot of them. We have more luck finding bands that we play with instead of listening to tapes."

However, don't expect to see Tristan pSionic live until the **Sonic Unyon** Christmas show at Lee's Palace. Between now and then, they'll be busy finishing their new CD. Mark also expressed a fear of overexposure.

Tristan pSionic, l to r - Mark, Tim, Wool and Sandy.

"There's a lot of bands that play in Toronto too much. Playing is cool and everyone likes to play but you don't want to play a million shows where people just get sick of seeing you over and over again. You can wear out your welcome, I think."

From the beginning, there was really no exact plan for the future. However, Mark is concerned that letting the label get too large would be unhealthy for **Sonic Unyon** and their bands.

"I see other record operations that are too huge and like 80 percent of the bands get lost in the shuffle. We don't want that to happen."

As for day-to-day operations, most everything is done by Mark and Sandy, as well as Tim (also of Tristan pSionic) and Roy from Smoother.

Sandy says, "If we have more volunteers it gets kind of crazy since there's only two phones."

Mark adds, "There's only so much to do. I think if you came in once every two weeks you wouldn't have a clue what's going on."

Much of the work comes from answering mail order requests, as well as fulfilling orders from the approximately 300 stores across Canada that carry **Sonic Unyon** titles. A plaguing problem these days is keeping **Unyon** artist Hayden's CD Everything I Long For in stock.

Mark says, "Hayden's video did really help him a lot. He's selling a lot of CDs. People are really into buying Hayden CDs. We ran out and he ran out. We had an order from almost every HMV in the country."

While Hayden's success has been a positive thing for **Sonic Unyon** this year, the label has also had its share of problems. The biggest problem was the last minute cancellation of Wool Sock 95. "It was a fiasco," Mark starts, "We got taken to court the day before and they got an injunction to stop the show."

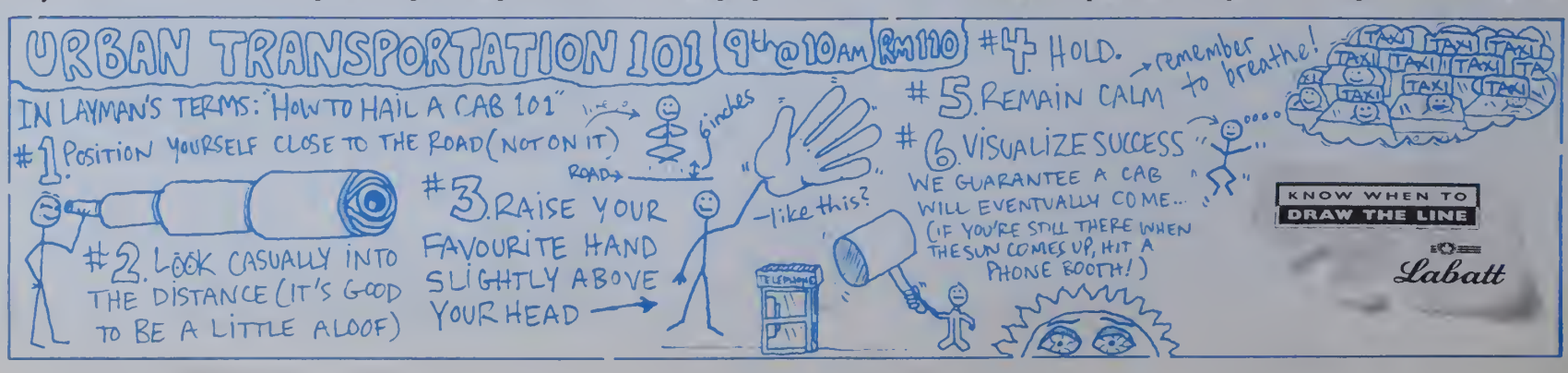
The injunction was served because the land where the show was supposed to take place wasn't zoned for that purpose. **Sonic Unyon** chose the site based on the knowledge that other shows had taken place there in the past without problems. Unfortunately for **Sonic Unyon**, Wool Sock was the first event to be picked on.

After painstakingly going over every last detail to ensure that the event could take place, including an offer not to sell alcohol because the authorities weren't comfortable with it, it was heartbreaking to see it all fall apart. The death of Wool Sock 95 was obviously the result of small town mentality.

As for the future, the success of their second anniversary boat cruise has improved the outlook. **Sonic Unyon's** next release will be a compilation CD, similar to the 1994 release *Not If I Smell You First*. During the interview Sandy finished the artwork for the cover. He does all the artwork for **Sonic Unyon** ads and posters. With a song from every **Unyon** full length release, including treble charger's *Red*, this will be a CD not to be missed.

Has **Sonic Unyon** merely benefited from the sudden rise in the popularity of the indie music scene in Canada? Maybe. But, it is more likely the result of the Unyon gang's constant, hard work.

Says Mark, "You've got to be motivated. It's a lot of work to get to where we're at I guess. But it's not something that no one else can't do."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Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's Super Friendz!

When **The Super Friendz** made an appearance on *The Wedge* last month, Sook-Yin Lin mistakenly called the band Sloan. This Freudian slip epitomizes a lot of what has happened so far to **The Super Friendz.**

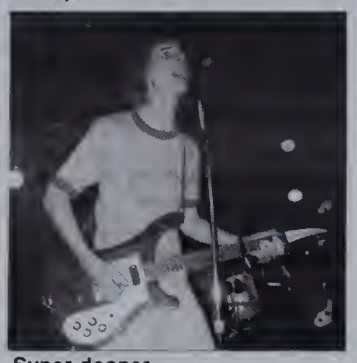
CONCERT REVIEW

by
Jen Campbell

When **The Super Friendz** first started getting media hype, the focus was almost always on the Sloan connection. So here it is: **The Super Friendz** are signed to Sloan-owned label Murder*records*: Vocals/guitar guy Matt Murphy is brothers to Chris of Sloan, and Chris is now drumming for Matt's band.

The Super Friendz have discovered that it's hard to escape from the shadow of Canada's super-band, Sloan, even though they've broken up (supposedly). There is no doubt that **The Super Friendz** will soon shed these Sloan overtones. Quite simply, **The Super Friendz** are one of the best bands to emerge out of an East Coast music scene, one which has suddenly exploded over the past few years, due in part to the success of bands like Sloan and Eric's Trip.

The Super Friendz have played several shows around Toronto over the past few months in support of their new CD *Mock Up, Scale Down* (MCA/Murder*records*). The last time they were here they opened for fellow Halifax natives, Jale, where it's rumoured **Super Friendz** stole the show. Last Tuesday they returned to Toronto for a gig at the Horseshoe as part of CFNY's *Nu Music Nights*. Also on the bill were Wanderlust, Kill Creek, and Edmonton's Jr. Gone Wild.



Super-dooper

Photo by Jen Campbell

Super Friendz obviously love to play live. They guys are just so unbelievably happy. The most energetic of the band is Matt, who could easily steal the show, which is probably why he doesn't stand centre stage. Matt has mastered the cheesy 80s glam-rock pose(s).

Almost matching Matt's energy is brother Chris, who can barely contain himself behind the drums. Perma-smile Chris only grins wider with each drum-stick twirl. Chris has now mastered the drums as well as guitar and bass.

The Super Friendz played mostly songs from *Mock Up, Scale Down*, like Matt's typically up-beat tunes *When They Paid Me*, *Come Clean* (both of which also appear on their 7" *By Request*), and Charles' *Rescue Us From Boredom*. They also surprised the audience with some new and unrecorded material.

The Super Friendz Theme Song, or *The Jam*, was one of the most exciting songs of the night. If you caught their appearance on *The Wedge*, this was the odd little tune they played. With Drew on vocals singing lyrics like "ooh ee ah ah," and a guitar line that is reminiscent of *Hot For Teacher* (Van Halen), the sheer quirkiness of *The Jam* appropriately represents the essence of **The Super Friendz.**

While they do incorporate a typical East Coast sound in their music, **Super Friendz** are not afraid to inject their own flavour.

The end result is a band and a CD that makes a new "alternative" path to follow.

In the short time they've spent together as a band, **Super Friendz** have already defined their own unique sound and can only get better.

Menswear speak on fashion, UK music, eggs, and spam, spam, & more spam

The Medium recently interviewed **Menswear**, a group that is causing quite a stir in the UK. While **Menswear**'s music is similar to the type of pop coming out of the UK today, the attitude of the band is not. The lad's from **Menswear** are rather level-headed about their recent success, which came as a surprise.

BAND INTERVIEW

by
Dave Bullard

British pop bands have a lot of sex symbolism going on right now like Shampoo and Elastica. Your thoughts?

It's good to have sex back in music again. Anything that brings excitement to it, a little style.

Menswear on style:

When we started off, everyone started looking at the suits rather than the music. A lot of other bands started wearing suits as well. We decided we've done that now, so let's move away from it. It wasn't anything conscious, it was just the scene we were into at the time. At the clubs we went to, 75% of the people were wearing suits. We were reading reviews about the colour of our suits rather than the music. What we wear reflects what most kids are wearing.

Was it difficult recording the album after playing the songs live for a while?

We were in a studio for about a month. We were crawling up the walls going pretty mad [the band recorded at a secluded home studio]. It wasn't a body of work so much as an album. It was written over a period of time. That's why it's quite eclectic. They were written as live songs. We now know how to make an album. Neil King produced the album, he worked on *Dookie* [Green Day]. He helped keep us in check."

Is a three minute pop song the style to be right now?

It depends on what works best for the song. When we first started off, we didn't think of our songs in any environment except being played on stage in front of our friends. Even though you think it might happen, you never think of playing in front of millions of people and having a record out. Not much thought went into our first LP, we just did it. We just tried to please our fans. We had to please five people in the band who liked a variety of different things but we all liked playing together. The next album will probably be a bit more experimental."

The style of music you chose to perform right now is radio friendly.

I don't like music where you have to try to get into it. I used to spend a lot of time trying to get into music, and I would listen to records over and over again because critics said I should buy it.

Menswear on the rock and roll pose:

It's the only time the British lose their inhibitions. All the frustration comes out. You could always stand there and play a musically tight gig but you wouldn't look as good and the audience wouldn't get into it. You're not really going for it. I would rather play a slightly off gig and be more exciting. You have to show you're enjoying it."

Whosewear? Menswear

Menswear on the CFNY Interview:

There were more people there than they had had for any other band in a long time. I wasn't entirely comfortable doing that radio thing. We were a bit frazzled because we didn't know there was going to be a live audience.

What's the response been from the North American press?

Good so far. We had a piece in the New York Times. We have gotten word from Billboard. It's a bit early to tell. Reaction to the gigs has been good. We haven't made any mistakes yet. We don't want to come off as the next big thing. I don't want to get Suede 'syndrome." Suede came over thinking they would do it. We're humble about it.

Menswear on the success of Bush:

I think that says everything about the state of music in America. The most popular overseas bands seem to be Silverchair and Bush, and they're basically like Pearl Jam.

Menswear on Green Day at the top:

The only band we see any sense in being there.

Menswear on America:

You could trace any band today back to previous bands in America who sold millions of records. For Green Day, you see the Pistols and the Clash. Hootie and the Blowfish are the Steve Miller Band.

Menswear on treatment from bands back home.

A lot of bands don't know where we are coming from. A lot of people judge us on *Daydreamer*, which is why we tried to get the album out. People say, 'at first I really didn't like you but I see where you're coming from now.'

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MOVIE REVIEW

by
Dom Mochrie

Halloween 6: The Curse of Michael Myers
Starring Donald Pleasance
Directed by Joe Chappelle

Am I getting older or are these things getting dumber? This movie presents itself with a message: an explanation of why Michael Myers is as evil as he his and where he comes up with all those new and innovative ways of killing people. In other words, a rather a flimsy excuse for another mass bloodletting.

When most other horror movies are into their fiftieth or so resurrection of the slasher, they risk repeating their own clichés, so some producers try to kick new death into the movie with mind-boggling special effects or an improved plot (e.g., *A New Nightmare* by Wes Craven). Chappelle decides to forgo any improved plot, relying on the standard *Halloween* format.

Fans of the series will once again welcome Donald Pleasance. Although he plays Dr. Loomis in all but one of the *Halloween* movies and must be getting tired of playing the distraught, guilt-ridden doctor, he still manages to bring a certain amount of class to the screen.

What *Halloween* fans won't like are the same old tired effects that are pulled from the dusty generic slasher-film format; Michael popping up in a window, staring silently from across the street, looking out of the holes in his mask, walking after his frantically fleeing victims and still gaining on them, etc...

I'm not saying this is a feeble plot...there is NO plot. It's a well known fact that Myers only intends to kill people he's related to, (the hordes of other deaths are pretty much done on the fly) but he has exhausted his supply of relatives at the end of the last movie. So who to prey on in the sixth installment of Halloween? Umm...how about the people who moved into his old house? Apparently it worked for Chappelle. Unfortunately it doesn't work for the rest of us.

What does Chappelle substitute for a plot? *Exceedingly* graphic brutal violence. My personal favorite was when Michael slits an unfortunate teenager's neck from ear to armpit and holds him up in the mirror by the hair so his victim can watch himself die. There is no way anyone can ever recreate the atmosphere and suspense that John Carpenter wove into the original *Halloween*, but this movie doesn't even try to be anything but a seamless continuation of the series. Unlike most horror movies that carry onto the fifth, sixth, or even seventh movie, this does not promise to be the last Michael Myers may indeed return. *Halloween* has always been a shocker horror movie but *The Curse of Michael Myers* was poorly done even for this genre of movie.

There are two types of people who go to see horror films, those who like seeing teenagers getting dissected in various antisocial manners, and those who like the thick, heavy suspense of psychological thrillers.

If you are in the second category, be forewarned — as I'm sure you've already figured this out, but you're not going to like *The Curse of Michael Myers*. If you're in the first category, go and see it now, because unlike Michael Myers, there's no way it's still going to be around come Hallowe'en.

MOVIE REVIEW

by
Stefan Bencini

Clockers, starring Harvey Keitel, is adapted from a fabulous novel by Richard Price(!?) If you knew me, you would know that said-description of Clockers would be kind of a fantasy for me.

But I guess the expectation of making a fantasy into reality could only leave a taste of a burst, soapy bubble, or at least it did in my case.

Clockers
Directed by Spike Lee

Clockers was not a bad movie, but it certainly won't be the year's strongest release, as some believed it would.

Detailing the struggle between a drug dealer named Strike (portrayed wonderfully by the new 19-year-old actor Mekhi Phifer) and homicide detective Rocco Klein (Harvey Keitel in his typical tough-guy role), Clockers draws us in much deeper than your usual cops and robbers tale.

Clockers is the street-name given to dealers who work around the clock.

The movie attempts to give insight into the machiavellian order of the chaotic drug scene played out in America's ghettos. But the part that stands out the most is the morality aspect. When Strike's "hard-working, honest" brother, Victor, turns himself in for a murder that Strike is supposed to commit, Rocco aims all sights at Strike as the implicated killer. But who really did it? The book handles this question better than the movie. Victor is too good a citizen and Strike is the only one up for promotion.

In terms of aesthetics, much of the photography and camera shots are effective. The highlight was the use of distant, hand-held, grainy film cameras to capture a drug deal in seemingly documentary-like style, which adds a very REAL effect to the movie.

Lee also makes impressive use of film lenses to drive home the grittiness and intensity of situations involving "the bad drug dealers." Music is represented in the form of hard-core, rap-pounding, loud bass and angry lyrics that almost drown out the dialogue.

Considering the lengthy piece of literature Lee had to work with, he did a good job. But all stunning acting and directing genius aside, no one could possibly relate in 130 minutes the intensity, passion and fervour of the novel.

If you have never read the book, Spike Lee's version of Clockers is an entertaining and well-made "slice of life" flick. Like I said before, it's not a bad movie, but the book is better.

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Sour Landslide

by
Francis Sawyer

This was actually much more than just another Queen St. concert for the best unknown band in the country.

Sour Landsllde had a lot on the agenda this night as they celebrated not only their inclusion on the new *iMPACT* magazine New Music CD (*Guns of Navarone*, the lead-off track no-less), but they were also balancing a number of other happenings.

Namely, the availability of a four-song advance cassettes from their forthcoming CD, which have had more than one industry-type person inquiring about **Sour Landsllde**'s future plans.

The tapes themselves are, from a production standpoint, far bigger sounding than their previous CD, *Friends of Dracula*, and promises to be a powerful album that may actually do some justice to the vitality of their live show.

This brings me to the show itself. Concentrating primarily on brand new material, the band launched in and out of their power-based, driven melodies with precision and ease much to the delight of the Wednesday night viewers who had damned the notion of a good night's sleep in favour if this evening of sonically assaulting hooks.

Pop Knows A Weasel, already receiving airplay on stations like The Edge, *You Killed My Son* and *Crass* are just a few of the perfect-angry-pop gems the band is planning to deliver on the upcoming disc.

With a number of potential deals rumoured to be in the works, **Sour Landsllde** are finally getting the recognition that they deserve.

Openers Joe's Funeral plowed through a set consisting entirely of new songs (read: none of them were from *Speedy Little Import*) and came across well, as they often do. A CD is impending.

Wallnut, the true surprise of the evening, were minus their injured lead guitarist and still managed to wow the audience.

Onlookers at the Rivoli certainly don't need to be told of **Landsllde**'s prowess. That deed needs only to be brought to the inevitably very receptive mainstream.

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Our Stories

Breasts

I hate my breasts.

Mica thinks this as she enters the lingerie section of a large department store that is having a spring blowout sale on all bras. She is on an annual trip to replace her old bras, now mere shreds of elastic bands and torn lace. She believes that bra manufacturers design bras to break down every six months. Certainly, she's a little paranoid. *But it can't be a coincidence that the right underwire snaps in the same place every time.*

Mica can't ignore the fact that it's going to be a thirty-eight D-cup this time around, but it can't be helped. Her breasts are over-flowing the enormously uncomfortable C-cup she is wearing, and she couldn't jog to save her life right now, or pick up a quarter. After all, there is only so much flesh she can squeeze into a given stretch of polyester, and Mica has squished in every possible cubic centimetre. She walks down the gleaming, fluorescent-lit aisle of the store, surrounded by svelte mannequins with perfect thirty-four B busts, twenty-six inch waists, and tanned polymer skins. They smile gracelessly as their bras lift and separate exquisitely firm plastic boobs. *Fascists*, thinks Mica.

Joe would say she had perfect breasts. *Mica*, he would say, *if I had boobs like that, I would never get out of the house in the morning.* Then he'd smile, give her a proprietary pat, and a look that convinced Mica that men were the most incomprehensible beings on earth. Joe, of course, couldn't understand. He had never worn a bra in his life, let alone shopping for one. Joe never had to go to the spring blowout sale, stand in a tiny room full of mirrors, and contemplate stretch marks. Joe is disgustingly fit, hairy and male, and the concept of underwear is beyond him.

"Can I help you?" Mica jumps as an elderly saleslady appears hopefully at her elbow.

"No," she says, "I can help myself. So far." *Go away.*

The saleslady doesn't leave.

"Are you looking for a brassiere? We have a sale on at the moment." The saleslady smiles, and Mica imagines she is looking at her breasts.

"Yes, but I know what I'm looking for, thanks."

The saleslady, still smiling, suddenly appears smug. Mica watches as the saleslady's lips disappear into her smile.

"Alright then, dear. Let me know if you need anything."

The lipless saleslady walks away. Mica is alone, surrounded by bras.

In a bin directly in front of Mica, boxes and boxes of bras are piled haphazardly. This is the third day of the sale, and the lingerie department has been hit by a whirlwind of women. These are the thirty-percent-off bras, the discontinued-line bras, the bras nobody wants and nobody fits. *Unless, of course, there is a shell-pink thirty-eight D-cup with a front-closing snap in there somewhere.* Mica takes a step towards the bin.

Mica is dreaming. She is sitting at a reception desk, in a low chair, in a white nurses uniform. It is a V-necked uniform with white winged lapels. Her breasts are neatly contained by a white sports bra of transparent cotton. Mica is surprised looking deep in the V-neck to see two knobs of breastbone over two widely spaced, lifted, separated, small breasts. Good God, thinks Mica, I'm an A. She is enormously pleased. Mica wiggles her shoulders experimentally, and the snug sports bra caresses her breasts like a second skin. She shivers inside the loose fabric of her nurse's uniform, letting the cloth slide this way and that, energetically wriggling. She is in ecstasy. Across the room, the patients watch Mica curiously, wondering if she has to go to the bathroom. A man walks in. Mica offers him a bright smile, seated in her chair, jiggling contentedly. The man walks up to Mica, and returns her smile.

"Can I help you?" asks Mica cheerily.

"What are you doing?" says the man.

"I," says Mica, "am an A."

"Ah." The man looks down at Mica's breasts. "Are you sure?"

Mica's breasts have betrayed her. Looking down, Mica is horrified to notice that her breasts are expanding like a sprouting seed captured in fast-forward. They press against the stretchy cotton of the sports bra, welling upward, outward, ever more rapidly. Mica panics as her breasts press against the V-neck of her uniform, widening the lapels — Good God, cleavage! Buttons begin to pop off the white uniform, careening across the room, pinging off the walls, and still they continue to grow until Mica's breasts are resting on the desktop, large as two sated hippopotami sunning themselves on a mudbank. Mica's head, suddenly very small, crowns her breasts like a cherry on a sundae.

"You know," says the man, "if I had boobs like those, I'd never leave the house in the morning."

There are, of course, no shell-pink thirty-eight D-cup front-closing bras in the bargain bin. Mica has raked through the entire bin twice, and then a third time. She has tried on several bras in the C-range, but her initial estimate is still correct. She makes her way to the racks of bras hanging unboxed like silly-string on the walls. Unlike the boxed bras, these having matching undies - they are lingerie *sets*. Mica thinks about Joe, thinks about a slinky black lace bra and matching panties, thinks about peeling off layers of clothing to reveal her stunning lingerie *set*. She approaches them warily. The bras hang on the walls. A fabulous emerald green bra beckons. *Joe likes green*. Mica reaches up to finger the silky soft lace. With her finger she walks through the bras like index cards - A, A, B, A, A, A, C! Is there a D?

The very last bra in the cluster is indeed a D. Mica lifts it reverently from the peg, her hands moist with sweat. The bra is a deep swirly lace and green, green, green. It's also *huge*. This lovely green bra, magnified to a thirty-eight D-cup, reminds Mica of a fly under a microscope. The two enormous cups, supported by great loops of underwire look like a fly's great, big compound eyes. The bra, Mica realizes, is looking at her. *If Joe saw this*, thinks Mica, *he would run.*

Mica carries the bra to the changeroom where the lipless saleslady waits. *Maybe it will look better on*, Mica thinks. This is Mica's third trip to the room full of mirrors.

"Back again?" says the saleslady.

"Yes. I think I found one this time." Mica undercuts this with a dubious look at the bra. It's still huge.

"Are you sure of the size, dear?" The saleslady bounces a roll of measuring tape in her hand. Mica is suddenly afraid of her.

"Oh, yes. Absolutely." *You're not coming near me with that tape, lady.* "I'll just go try this one on." Holding the bra at arm's length, Mica marches into the mirrored room.

Mica is lying in bed with Joe. Their clothes are on the floor next to the bed. Joe appears to be falling asleep, but Mica doesn't mind. Today Joe pointed out that one of her breasts was slightly lower than the other, during sex. Mica turns this fact over in her mind while Joe sleeps. Foreplay, and Joe is fondling her breasts. He cups them in both hands, rubbing his thumbs over Mica's nipples. He presses them together, squeezes them, kisses them, and Mica is enjoying herself. Joe lifts both breasts together, and lets them fall.

"Boing!" says Joe, watching his bouncing handiwork. Mica lifts an eyebrow to look at Joe.

"What are you doing?" asks Mica.

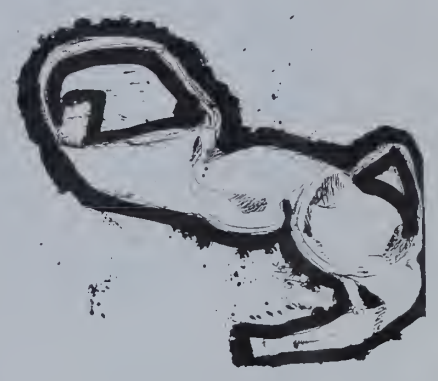
"Playing."

Joe takes her breasts in his hands again, lifts them and lets them fall. Mica is acutely conscious of the jiggle of her breasts under his gaze. Joe is fascinated with her breasts, with shaking them, with bouncing them, with squeezing them. Mica can't understand his fixation. She reaches out a hand to bat Joe's penis. It bobs up and down energetically. That, thinks Mica, looks silly.

"Hey, Mica. One of your boobs is lower *than the other!"*

Joe is right, thinks Mica, standing in the little mirrored booth. The green bra is wrapped around her torso like some ungodly traction device. The thick lace makes her breasts appear grossly large, lifting them higher than Mica thought was possible. Mica's breasts feel like the front end of a car with full power-steering. *They're floating.* Mica imagines her breasts guiding her through life, steering her gently around corners, wafting her lightly up escalators, pointing, saying, "That's the way".

Jesus, thinks Mica, *where'd they go?*



Mica's breasts are spirited away to the land of corsets and powdered wigs. Mica follows them, zipping through the slipstream left by their passage. She alights at the court of Queen Victoria. Thousands of other women and their *breasts crowd the high-ceilinged throneroom of the Queen. Men in powdered wigs are crushed into corners, jostled into clumps, bruised by the sheer weight of flesh popping out of low-cut bodices. So this, thinks Mica, is where all the thirty-eight D-cups got to. There is a painting by Ruben on the wall, adding its ample dimensions to the crowd.*

Despite its hugeness, the room is unbearably hot. The men, in their ruffled shirts and brocaded jackets, wilt under the weight of perfumed bosoms. It appears to Mica that only the crush of the crowd is keeping them upright. The heavy press of the air affects Mica too, her chest is slowly crushed by something—a green boa constrictor, masquerading as brocade bodice.

Mica watches in horror as the snake's body tightens in ascending loops over her breasts, squeezing her like a tube of toothpaste with the cap left on, her upper body bulging unimaginably. Mica's vision begins to blur and go black at the edges. On the brink of consciousness, Mica sees that every other woman in the throne room totters about like a maddened top, legs and hips squeezed to pinpoint pricks, breasts ballooning impossibly. "This," thinks Mica, "is a very odd place."

Mica sags against the mirrored walls of the changeroom. *I am going nuts.* Her reflection says, *"Most likely,"* and nods in agreement. The green bra with its power-steering flops innocently on the floor. The stuffy air of the changeroom carries a faint scent of perfume and sweat. Mica regards her images in the mirrors, six slightly lopsided breasts stares at her in return.

"Let's get out of here!" Mica says to her breasts and their congruent selves.

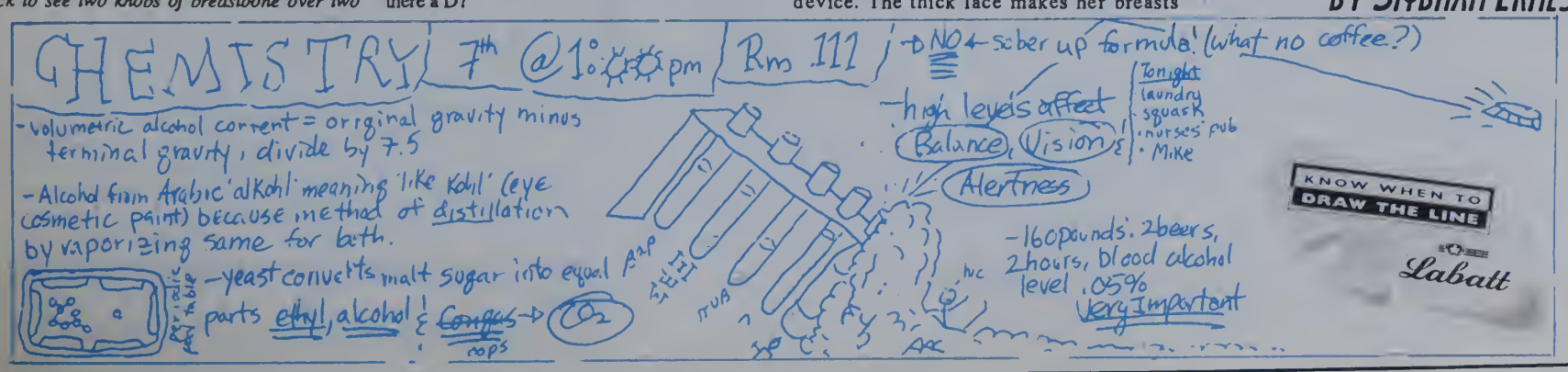
Good idea, they answer.

Outside the changeroom the lipless saleslady waits. Mica emerges with the snaky green bra.

"Did you find what you were looking for?" she asks.

Mica doesn't know.

BY SIOBHAN ERNEST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SPORTS

Despite strong effort Erindale still pulls up short

by Kalyna Bobyk

On Saturday, September 30, rowers from many of the top universities in Ontario joined together for the 25th annual Head of the Trent regatta at Trent University in Peterborough — and Erindale was there!

Thousands of spectators turned up to watch crews race the 4 kilometer course which, for the Erindale crew, was the first competition of the season. The day was as gorgeous as it could be. Many people came home either nicely tanned or slightly burned. In comparison to last year's cold, rainy, generally gloomy weather, Saturday's warm sunshine was a godsend.

Erindale sent four crews to compete at Trent this year. The Varsity men's 'heavyweight eight' were the first to compete. Although they did not place, crew members believed the race gave a very good indication of what needed to be focused on during future practices.

A few hours later, the novice women's 'heavyweight four' crew crossed the finish line. Theirs was a tremendous challenge, and as expected they did not fair too well. Trent was their first race ever, and they raced against Varsity crews, since there is no comparable novice category.

The day began early when the Erindale crew, along with that of the Don Rowing Club, arrived at eight o'clock to rig up their boats and prepare for their races which were, for most, hours away. Some of the novice women could not resist the temptation of a McDonald's breakfast and strayed from their strictly veggie before-race diet. All the crew members also had to resist raiding the famous Trent beer garden until after the competition.

The boat trailers were set up in groups where several universities and clubs were together. There were so many crews waiting to get on the docks that it was a wonder how the Trent organizers controlled the traffic flow!

The event ran rather smoothly and there were few problems. The novice women's crew, however, had to do a bit of shuffling when one of the members of the 'four' boat was given poor directions to get to the university and missed getting into her boat. Instead, one of the members of the 'eight' subbed in for her.

There was plenty to do during the day for rowers and spectators alike. The university itself is quite beautiful. It is located among trees and has a canal running through the campus. No wonder rowing has such a great tradition at Trent. Who wouldn't be mystified by watching boats fly by under your feet while leaning over the edge of the bridge over the water. This particular spot was the favourite among spectators, providing a bird's-eye view of the crews.

The trademark aspect of the Trent regatta is always the famous beer garden. Ten bucks bought you a Head of the Trent 25th anniversary collector's mug and a free beer. The best deal was the mug and five free beers for twenty bucks. A few thousand people made their way through the sectioned-off outdoor beer garden area, where food could also be purchased. In the late afternoon, the gathering turned into an awesome party with music blaring and people dancing. Members of the Varsity men's crew were so anxious to join in the fun that they made a beeline for the garden, still wearing the green and gold singlets they just raced in, asking "Where's the beer?"

The day was great experience for the Erindale rowers. They look forward to more fun at the upcoming regattas.

Erindale's Varsity Men's 'Heavyweight Eight' – Stroking it at Trent!
photo by Kalyna Bobyk

Why are the stands empty?

ECARA WATCH

by Anita Kolodziej

Have you ever been to a Varsity game? Have you ever been to an Interfaculty game, Intramural Game or even a Ball Hockey Game? Have you ever participated in any sports as a player or an observer?

If Erindale students were asked any of these questions many students would say 'no'. This is not all that surprising considering the low attendance and poor levels of participation that many Erindale sports events have. This problem is not only at Erindale, but throughout U of T.

For the first time in many years, Erindale has organized "Blue Crew" buses to take students to Varsity football games. This is ECSU and SAC's way of giving students the great opportunity to get involved in Varsity sports downtown and to show their Erindale spirit. But not a lot of students think so. The attendance for the first Blue Crew bus, which went to Sir. Wilfred Laurier, was less than half a bus full. This was strange considering that the students are getting the free bus trips to other universities all over Ontario to see their school team play.

You may have noticed the picture in last week's issue of *The Medium*, taken at Varsity Stadium downtown. This was a home game where the University of Toronto Blues played the University of Waterloo Lancers. You can see that in the background of the picture that there are no fan's in the stands. Now that is what you call a real show of spirit and support for the University of Toronto! Some students did attend the game at Varsity Stadium, but only a few were from Erindale.

Some may think that there are more people going to Varsity games than to Erindale's games. Some believe that a lot of Erindale students do not want to go downtown to support Varsity because they do not have the time and they feel more attached to Erindale than to the downtown campus. But this can't be true because Erindale lacks support and participation in their won sports teams as well.

But why don't U of T students get involved in sports events that take place right on Erindale campus and show some spirit for their college? When asked, some commented that they don't have enough information about when and where the events take place on campus, they don't have time or they just simply don't care.

All students have to do is pick up a copy of *The Medium*, or stop by the ECARA bulletin board where all of the events, places and times are posted. Or they can stop by the ECSU office for information on the "Blue Crew" buses for Varsity football games.

University of Toronto is a school that students should be proud of. Students should show how much they care and get involved in what happens. Students should support their school teams, if not as players then as spectators. A lot of students believe that there are a lot of people going to the different games, so they don't have to.

This is a misconception that results in low numbers of participating players on sports teams and a weak turnout of supporters to watch and cheer for the teams. So don't sit back and blame others for the lack of support. Get involved and be part of the solution — not the problem.

Rez holds Beach Volleyball Tournament

by Casey Stranges

On Saturday September 23, the Erindale College Residence Dons held a volleyball tournament in the Colman Place Volleyball court. The Dons supplied free hot dogs, hamburgers and loud music. All their enthusiasm, however, could not beat a feisty and competitive Frosh Crew, who beat them 15-8.

The game concluded a day of fun, hard work and good-natured competition. The team know as "Ibuprofen" won most of the day, and the "The Blue Beamers" kicked sand in their opponents faces. "Joe's Jokers' though the best-looking team on the court, failed to win any of their games.

The Dons organized the tournament/barbecue to get people involved in weekend activities. Many of the residents have been involved in a Phase One party the night before and slept away their hangovers. For the fifty-plus people who attended, the Dons organized an energetic, exciting gathering.

The cozy backyard of the Colman Lounge was filled with music, laughter and smells of a fired-up barbecue. The scene looked more like a July heyday than early September, except for the groundhog that scurried across the court. He couldn't play because he couldn't reach the net and he ran away in disgust. First Phase Don Sean Barton relentlessly pursued the groundhog, but returned empty-handed. Barton epitomized the determination and self-sacrifice of the Dons as he said, "don't worry about me, just make sure your feed my frosh".

Rez students blew off some steam while having a great time.
photo by Jamie Tyndall

First Phase Don Christy Hulse reported, "the barbecue is to get people out, get them to meet more people and just have some fun."

Fourth year student Joe Tirone said, "It's a good idea getting everybody out here to have a good time, because once school really starts, we'll all be fucked up."

The tournament attracted nationwide attention, as RCAF Lt. Carey Wortman flew from Vancouver Island to watch.

ECSU President Nick Panou was spotted standing near the grill and placing bets on the Dons to beat the Frosh. "I like the Dons' heart and I like their hustle."

Everyone in attendance echoed Panou's sentiment, and Jo captured everybody's feelings.

The Dons should be congratulated for a day of sunny, sandy, laid-back fun.

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Women lose flag football opener

Despite the 6-0 loss, Erindale did manage some offence.

phot by Jamie Tyndall

by Tanya Reda

Team spirit was alive and well at Erindale in last Wednesday's Women's Flag Football game against Victoria College. It looked like Wednesday's game would be a repeat performance of Erindale team's first game, which they had to default since only six players showed up. Yet, the team pulled together and also managed to recruit women from Erindale's field hockey team. By 7:45 p.m. Erindale had enough players and the game began, much to the delight of the restless Victoria team.

Although Erindale lost 6-0 to Victoria they made an impressive showing considering some of the players did had never played the sport. Great speed and receiving from players like Natalie Leone, Christine Macdonald and Rachel Hughes helped keep the score close. Despite the loss, the team maintained an upbeat attitude and took pride in their games performance.

Overall, the Victorians had a weak offence, but their skills and blitzing defense suppressed Erindale's chances to score. Victoria's quick passing capabilities helped them gain yardage easily, which ultimately led them to the touchdown in the first half and their 6-0 win over Erindale.

Erindale's Women's Flag Football team is currently in a period of adjustment, since the players are testing strategies and getting to know one another.

"Erindale can become a stellar team because we have good coaching and good receivers. What the team needs is a quarterback and better organization", said fourth year veteran Leone. Coach Jay Ovsennay agrees and intends to have more practices to smooth out Erindale's rough edges.

Their next game is on October 4 against the Pharmacy Gladiators, and it promises to reveal more of the team's talent. Come out and support your Women's Flag Football team.

Tennis Tournament Results

photo by J. Saczkowski

On Friday, September 29, Erindale held its annual Co-ed tennis tournament.

The winner of this event was the team of Loi Nguyen and Sara Dela Cruz. Finalists included Steve Bilyea and Joanne Lam.

On Saturday, September 30, the Men had their tournament. With over 20 participants this event started at 10 a.m. and went well into the afternoon.

Emerging as champion was Shane Coulter, who defeated Sean Cain in the finals.

In the consolation finals saw Chris Carrabs defeating Eric Khoo.

Congratulations to all the winners.

Women play hockey too!

by Rachel Hughes

Last year the Women's Ice Hockey team won the University of Toronto Interfaculty championships. This year we are set to do it again! This means we need to recruit new players who will be positive additions to our team and can fill the voids left by last year's graduates.

It will be a great year, as we plan to return to the infamous Sudbury tournament and once again have a great time. If you're looking for a team to join then this is the one for you. If you don't have the equipment you can sign it out for the year. Transportation is also provided. So come to our first practice on Wednesday October 4, 1995.

Check the ECARA board for the exact time and location of our first practice. We look forward to seeing you there!

Erindale Gets a Div. II Soccer Team!
Therefore we need soccer players.
Our first game is today. Come to ECARA by 3p.m. & sign up.

Erindale wins St. George Baseball Tourney

by Omar Rampaul

On Sunday, September 24 at approximately 11:30 in the morning, nine men set out from the Meeting Place to capture their own "Field of Dreams". Under the guidance of GM and Coach Jason Ovsenny, these men were on a mission to capture the coveted title of Champions for Men's Inter faculty Softball.

At the suggestion of Tom Bratovz, the team decided to discuss strategy at one of Tom's favorite spots on the downtown campus, Hart House. Due to a scheduling conflict, the team had enough time to eat and also enjoy a stroll through many of Tom's hangouts on the St. George Campus.

The first game rolled around and, with the heroics of a Bratovz grand slam, the team managed to win the first game 10 - 6. However the next game would prove to be more difficult, as they were to take on Pharmacy, once again led by former Erindale Male Athlete of the Year Kenny Tan. Unknown to the Erindale Squad, their opponents dressed two ringers, which gave them a five run lead going into Erindale's final at bat.

It is here that the team looked to their next hero, as star right fielder Martin Borean slammed a single, which pushed the game to 9 - 9 tie.

In the last game, the guys were tense. They know that their chance at a championship rested in their own hands. They did not disappoint, as they cruised to a 24-0 win over a normally very tough University College team.

In the semifinals, Erindale came across a Meds team that obviously had more important things on their mind. However, with a surgeons graceful touch, Erindale dissected Meds 13-4, which caused several Meds' players to display poor sportsmanship. However, players like Dan Russell, Jose Colucci and Ted Young showed tremendous leadership in helping calm down both teams.

This set the stage for a battle with Pharmacology, who had poisoned all their opponents going into the finals. In a see-saw battle, Erindale grabbed a two run lead in extra innings, thanks to a two run homer down the third base line by Jeff Kostyniuk. Then in Pharmacology's last at-bat, they were stymied by Erindale's great defense. First a great circus catch by second baseman Rondev Bhattacharya, and then a rocket throw from Kostyniuk to Bratovz, who applied the tag to sliding opponent.

The best was saved for last, Ovsenny caught a liner at first base to preserve an 8-7 win for Erindale. Thanks to everyone at the tournament 'cause it was a long day and night, and hopefully the team can win a few more softball championships during the next few weeks, as most of the team prepares for the great new intramural softball league — under the lights of Erindale's "FIELD OF DREAMS".

For more information about the league check the ECARA board.

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The University's Tuition Fee Refund Schedule was recently reviewed to determine the reasonable amount of time which students should be allowed to attend certain courses before deciding whether or not to continue in them.

Beginning with the 1995 Winter Session, students in Y and H courses will receive a 100 per cent refund to September 22, a 75 per cent refund to October 6, and a 50 percent refund to October 20.

Students in first term courses (F and A) will receive a 100 per cent refund to September 22, a 75 per cent refund to September 29, and a 50 per cent to October 6,1996.

Students in second term courses (S and B) will receive a 100 per cent refund to January 19, a 75 per cent refund to January 26, and a 50 percent refund to February 2, 1996.

Please remember that these deadline dates are important both academically and financially.

Students who are uncertain about the dates should consult their faculty or college registrars, or Daniel Lang, Vice-Provost, Simcoe Hall.

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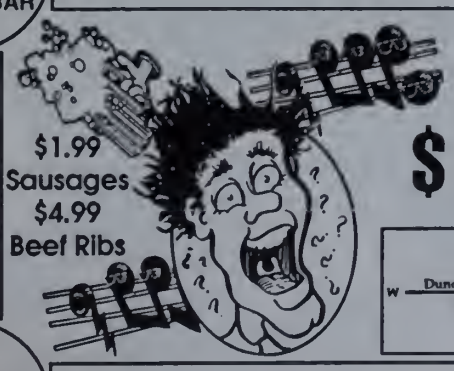

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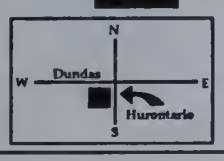

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ECARA hits the great outdoors -- Nature Beware!

by Jack Krist

In case you haven't noticed (ie. you have been glued to the couch watching way too much TV) there has been a definite movement towards outdoor sport activities! Participation in mountain biking, hiking, rock climbing, camping, fishing, canoeing and other outdoor sports has steadily increased over the past two years. ECARA and the Department of Athletics has noticed this trend and has, therefore, expanded its outdoor activities for the 1995/96 school year his increased demand.

On Saturday, September 24 seven people participated in ECARA's first ever Mountain Biking/Fishing Tour in the Caledon area. All participants had a great time.

However, one overly eager cyclist who tried to cross the Credit River, fell in and scared most of the fish. Nonetheless, Melissa managed to win the Fishing Derby portion of the event, with a 10-inch speckled trout.

ECARA's next outdoor event will be the Great Hiking and Camping Adventure! This will involve a two day trip to the Bruce Peninsula, in scenic Tobermory. The tour will leave Erindale on Saturday Oct. 14, 1995 at 7:00a.m. and arrive back to the College on Sunday, Oct. 15th at around 6:30p.m.

The trip will include a tour of Greg's Caves (where they filmed the movie Quest for Fire) and one night's camping in the Bruce Peninsula National Park. Transportation will be provided, but campers/hikers must bring their own camping gear and food. The fee for this trip is only $25.00 (includes GST).

Once you have paid your fee in the Athletic Office, you will be registered and contacted by the trip co-ordinator! Don't miss your chance to see some beautiful scenery, meet new people and take a break, by relaxing in the Great Outdoors. The entry deadline for this event is Thursday, October 5 at 4:00p.m.

Look for Horseback Riding and Indoor Rock Climbing as future ECARA Intramural Special Events. Contact Jack Krist in the Athletic Department for more information, or check the ECARA board.

The 1996 NHL season - Who will walk away with the hardware?

SHOOTOUT
Left Wing:
by Rob Sopov

Hart Trophy: Last season, Sergei Fedorov came down with the injury bug for the first time in his career. Fedorov was still able to score at a 100-point pace despite playing most of the season injured. Going into the playoffs, Fedorov proclaimed that he was healthy and ready to carry his team to the Stanley Cup. In the playoffs, Fedorov led the league in scoring, plus-minus and game winning goals but with lack of support from his team, Detroit ended up second. This season, Scotty Bowman will give Fedorov more ice time by trading or redefining the role of aging superstar Steve Yzerman. With the opportunity, Fedorov will lead the Red Wings to a great season and be granted the Hart Trophy.

Norris Trophy: With the Pittsburgh Penguins, Sergei Zubov will be given the opportunity to prove he is the best defenseman in the NHL. This season, Zubov will not have to worry about the discriminating coaching staff of the NY. Rangers or the defensive burden of playing with "Brian the Leetch." The Penguins powerplay will be the best in the league with Zubov as the quarterback at the point. The move to Pittsburgh will provide Zubov with the opportunity to display some "Russian Magic" which will result in his first Norris trophy.

Art Ross Trophy: Last season, Czech phenomenon Jaromir Jagr proved himself a superstar by leading the NHL in scoring. In the 1994-95 season, Jagr came into his won and established himself as a dominant player in the NHL. With the new-look Pittsburgh Penguins and the return of Mario Lemieux, Jagr will continue his dominant play. At the end of the 1995-96 season, "czeching" the final stats will proclaim Jaromir Jagr as the repeat winner of the coveted Art Ross trophy.

Other Predictions: Vezina trophy: Dominek Hasek, Buffalo Sabres... Top Coach: Rick Ley, Vancouver Canucks... Selke trophy: Sergei Fedorov, Detroit Red Wings... Calder Trophy: Saku Koivu, Montreal Canadians...

Tidbits: It will be up to Czech junior star, Zdenek Nedved, to revitalize the careers of Doug Gilmour and Dave Andreychuk... Washington Capitals allowed Bondra and Pivonka to sign with the Detroit Vipers, now which team belongs in the IHL?... The best deal in the trade market is future star Radek Bonk... Regarding Winnipeg's dilemma of keeping Selanne or Tkachuk, it will be Tkachuk sent packing... Contrary to Harry's NHL sources, Fedorov is staying in Detroit and has been asked to run for mayor...

SHOOTOUT
Right Wing:
by Harry Nagra

Hart Trophy: Without question, NHL fans will see a repeat winner for this prestigious award. Eric Lindros dominated virtually every game the Philadelphia Flyers played. He proved to all his detractors, including Mr. Sopov, that he has arrived and is ready to carry his team to the championship level. Lindros' greatest value to his team is what he does for his linemates. Mikal Renberg is at best a 30 point checking winger in the AHL. However, with Lindros, Renberg becomes a 50 goal scorer on his way to the NHL all-star game. Honourable mention to Colorado's Joe Sakic.

Norris Trophy: With so many great defenceman to choose from, this award could be the toughest to decide. Chelios, Coffey, Leetch, the list goes on, however these will be the finalists. Coffey will not repeat, because over a full 82 game schedule, he will be tired from all the giveaways his forwards (ie. Fedorov, Kozloz) will make. Chelios and Leetch do not have to worry about careless forwards and therefore should prosper. Look for Leetch to edge out Chelios, while having a career year, due to the load off his back (Zubov), no longer slowing him down.

Art Ross Trophy: A four man race between Lindros, Mario Lemieux, Sakic and Adam Oates. If Lemieux is able to play between 65 and 70 games, he will outdistance all others. However, if his health fails, the other three will create one of the closest races in memory. Oates will have Neely and Stevens to ensure not only his health, but that his passes find the back of the net. Sakic has a similar scenario in Colorado with Owen Nolan on his wing. Hopefully, Sakic has given up on his charitable causes (Kamensky and Kovalenko), and is able to find a capable winger. Lindros can do it all himself.

Other Predictions: Vezina Trophy: Martin Brodeur, New Jersey Devils... Top Coach: Ron Lowe, Edmonton Oilers... Selke Award: Doug Gilmour, Toronto Maple Leafs... Calder Trophy: Todd Bertuzzi, NY Islanders

Tidbits: Look for Dimitri Yuskevich to be part of a package to re-acquire Wendel Clark... Pat Quinn finally realized Trevor Linden is the key to Canuck hopes, not Bure and Mogilny... Another lucky European, Zdenek Nedved will play with Gilmour and Andreychuk. Pat burns had better look into hair pieces... Detroit had hoped Slav Fetisov would announce his retirement, unfortunately it was Mark Howe... Rumour out of Edmonton: Curtis Joseph to the Islanders for Darius Kasparitus. Glen Sather must need a drinking buddy...

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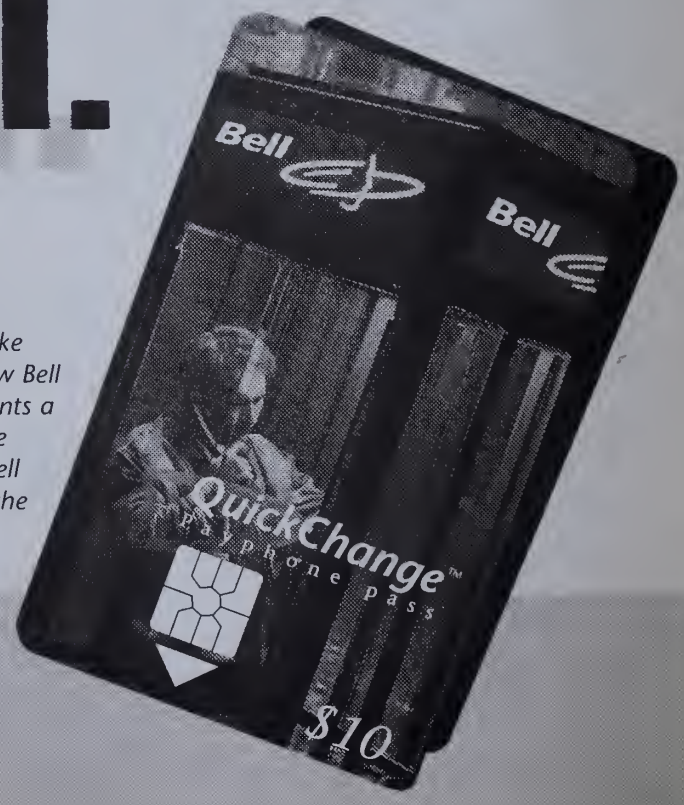

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"Meet the Candidates"

The Medium distributed a questionnaire to each of the ECARA candidates in order to give you, the students, an opportunity to know who you will be voting for on October 4 and 5. The questions we asked were:

1) Why are you running for your position?
2) Did you run in last year's elections? If so, are you running for the same position as you did last year? Why or why not? If not, then why are you running for a position now?
3) What have you done, while at Erindale, that makes you believe that you could handle the demands and expectations that the position you are running for will bring?

All acclaimed candidates are found on the outside of the grey box, and candidates you will be voting on are inside the grey box.

President
Dave Henderson

1) I feel that ECARA needs a new direction and image. The days when everybody played team sports are decreasing and there is an ever increasing demand for recreation type sports. ECARA needs to change to keep up and I feel I can lead this change with the assistance of the new council.
2) I ran last year for V.P. Administration. I chose the position I am running for because I feel I can contribute more and help changes the direction of ECARA for the better as President.
3) Since my first year, I have been involved in Athletics in some form. I now know the ins and outs of ECARA, and I want to change the direction of the organization. The council that we will have this year will be full of new faces and with them come new ideas and philosophies. I want to be able to say that I helped change the direction of ECARA for the better.

V.P. Administration
Tracy Canney

1) I feel that I can make an excellent contribution to the council, due to my previous experience with ECARA as a commissioner. I have lots of new ideas that will provide more activities to meet the interests of all students.
2) I did run in last year's election for the same position I am running for this time because I would like to ensure that the athletics program is run as well as it has been in the past, and I believe I can provide insight to make improvements this year.
3) I have been involved in athletics at Erindale as both a player and a commissioner. I was also the head commissioner of the 1994-95 Women's ball hockey league, 21-shoot-out convener and women's ball hockey referee. These experiences have shown me how athletics are run, from an organizer and players point of view, and I can use these skills to improve things this year.

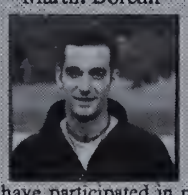
Men's Intramural Rep.
Jeff Kostyniuk

Don't read this, just get your butt down to the ECARA office and sign up for something, man!

Co-ed Intramural Rep.
Anji Dey

1) I wish to get involved in athletics and feel that this position offers me the challenge, excitement and leadership that I am looking for.
2) I ran in last year's elections, however, I am not running for the same position. After looking further into what is involved in each position, I have decided that Co-ed appeals to me more. It has more leagues and offers me the chance to meet people.
3) I have volunteered at ECARA and with Residence Council many hours for various events, from Rez Dinner to the Olympic Youth Federation, to the NACACI Women's Weightlifting Championships. I currently hold the position of Secretary of Finance for Residence. I feel I have the skills as well as the initiative needed for this position.

Co-ed Intramural Rep.
Martin Borean



1) I have participated in many intramural sports at Erindale and I enjoy working in organizational roles.
2) I did not run last year because of school commitments. However, with reworking my schedule, I feel my academics won't suffer with all of the work.
3) I have participated in many co-ed leagues and tournaments at the Intramural level over the last three years. I have also spent time on the organizational side of ECARA. For example, last year I was a Men's Intramural Ball Hockey Commissioner; which put me in charge of over thirty-five teams and their statistics. This job, along with my other experiences in and around ECARA, has equipped me with the proper training to do the job of a Co-Ed Intramural Rep.

Special Projects
Alice Turner

1) This position requires a responsible individual who can represent Erindale's student body with efficiency and enthusiasm. I am this individual.
2) I ran in the ECARA elections last spring for the same position. My success in the elections only furthered my interested and desire to be part of ECARA council. I pursued this goal throughout the summer and contributed my time to help organize the ECARA Frosh Olympics. Some of the responsibilities I took on were those which the Special Projects Representative would usually handle.
3) My participation in several Erindale Intramural and Inter-Faculty programs as well as my contributions this summer have given me the opportunity to acquire an understanding of ECARA council and its responsibilities to the students. With this experience I will be able to fill the void left by a very capable Steve Knowles.

Special Projects
Shawna Dawnson

1) I enjoy and am creative with marketing, sales and fundraising. I also have been actively involved in sports since age three, in either figure skating or gymnastics. I feel I would do an excellent job, as I would enjoy my tasks thoroughly. I would really appreciate being able to work for ECARA, while still reflecting upon the needs of the student body.
3) Since I've been here at Erindale, I've made a lot of friends and gained some very valuable contacts. I also have been working for my brother's company, Power Play Promotions, involving the sale of merchandise (goods and collectibles) to various teams, clubs, organizations and schools. This job also entails organizing fund-raisers and special projects for different clubs or groups. I am aware of the demands, needs and expectations that students possess.

Co-ed Intramural Rep.
Tracy Rego

1) Proceeding towards a Specialized Honors B.A. in Phys. Ed., I endeavor to make health and physical activity a life-long goal. The ECARA council provides me with an opportunity to help fulfill this goal, while at the same time providing valuable experiences. Very simply, I'm passionate about sports and recreation.
2) I did not run in last year's elections, since this is my first year at Erindale. In previous years, I have acted as a spectator to Erindale's Athletics and now wish to become actively involved in ECARA!
3) My main contribution to Erindale, to date, is the support I've offered to it's athletics. Even prior to being a student here, I not only came out and watched some of the sports teams, but also assisted them where I could. I also volunteered with this year's Frosh Olympics and, thus, have a good handle of how ECARA operates. Furthermore, my background in Phys. Ed. is an asset I would be bringing to the council.

Co-ed Interfac. Rep.
Garry McDonald

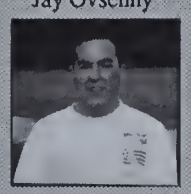
Men's Interfac. Rep.
Tim Chan

Both Garry McDonald and Tim Chan were not present at the Candidate's Meeting, and unfortunately they could not be reached for either a comment or photograph.
Hopefully you were able to learn about these two candidates at the Candidate's Forum which was held last Thursday.
The Medium wishes the best of luck to all of the candidates running in the ECARA elections.

Co-ed Interfac Rep.
Rachel Hughes

1) I would like to become more involved with Erindale's athletic department. I enjoy working with others and would make a good contribution to ECARA council.
2) I did run in last year's elections, and I am running for the same position I did last year. This is the position I am interested in because its working with both men and women at Erindale, as well as working with the downtown campus. I know I can fulfill the many demands of the position.
3) I have been involved in many of Erindale's sports, both intramural and interfaculty. I have good communication skills, as well as leadership qualities. This year I helped organize Frosh Olympics and assisted in obtaining sponsorship for the event. I have also written articles for the sports section of *The Medium*.

Men's Interfac Rep.
Jay Ovsenny



1) After years of Interfaculty sports it seemed like the next logical step.
2) I ran in last year's elections and in the same position. I'm running again because I don't feel that the situation has changed over the summer and ultimately we still need someone to perform the Interfaculty Rep. duties.
3) Playing and coaching interfaculty sports has shown me some of the concerns of these individuals. Taking these into mind it will help direct focus of the job which is establishing participation and of course winning!

Women's Inter-Fac Rep.
Sylvia Jazbec

1) Last year I was on council, and I want to expand my experience.
2) I ran in the March '95 elections for the same position. I have no reason to withdraw or change the position.
3) As explained above, this is my second year on council and I, therefore, have the experience and knowledge to accomplish the duties of my position.

Women's Intramural Rep.
Susi Velisavljevic

1) I really enjoy sports and being a part of a team. Being part of the ECARA team would give me an opportunity to share my enthusiasm with everybody else.
2) I ran in last year's election. I chose to run for the same position because I felt and still feel I can give a fresh new outlook and energy lift to Women's Intramural. This position will display my leadership skills and sports enthusiasm.
3) My three full years in Erindale have educated me in time management, hard work and dedication. But, in order to experience all of university, I felt like I had to do more than just academics. My extra-curricular activities have included two years of Women's Intramural Soccer, three years of ball hockey, one year of basketball and volleyball, as well as being president of Erindale College Serbian Association.

VP. Finance
Omar Rampaul

2) Yes, I am again running for VP Finance. It is here where I feel I can make the biggest different. Since I have already coached and been a commissioner, I now want to work at an administrative level.
3) I have participated in a number of sports, both intramural and interfaculty, and know many of the answers to questions that students often ask. As VP Finance, I also want to be able to make some changes to our present facilities, as well as keeping an eye on the future plans of ECARA.

Thanks to the candidates that submitted their questionnaires, and good luck to all.

Don't Forget To Vote!
Elections on October 4 and October 5

ECARA

Erindale College Athletics and Recreation Association

ECARA ELECTIONS 1995-96

POLLING DAYS WED. - THURS. OCT. 4th AND 5th

CANDIDATES:

Men's Interfaculty Rep.	Jay Ovsenny
Men's Interfaculty Rep.	Tim Chan
Co-ed Interfaculty Rep.	Garry McDonald
Co-ed Interfaculty Rep.	Rachel Hughes
Special Projects	Alice Turner
Special Projects	Shawna Danson
Co-ed Intramural Rep.	Anji Dey
Co-ed Intramural Rep.	Niki Kutlesa
Co-ed Intramural Rep.	Martin Borean
Co-ed Intramural Rep.	Tracy Rego

ACCLAIMED:

President	Dave Henderson
V.P. Administration	Tracy Canney
V.P. Finance	Omar Rampaul
Women's Interfaculty Rep.	Sylvia Jazbec
Women's Intramural Rep.	Susi Velisavljevic
Men's Intramural Rep.	Jeff Kostyniuk

EARN SOME EXTRA CASH!!

POLL CLERKS NEEDED FOR THE 1995/96 ECARA ELECTIONS

POSITION DESCRIPTION

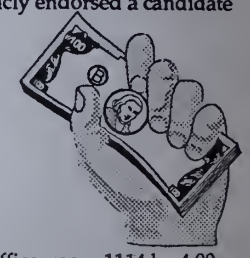
Under the direction of the Chief Returning Officer of the ECARA Election Committee, you will responsible for the following duties:

Staffing polling stations, Validating voter eligibility, Issuing of ballots, Reporting to the CRO.

QUALIFICATIONS

No candidates, scrutineers or other persons who have publicly endorsed a candidate shall be eligible to be hired as poll clerks.

You must be available to work on October 4th and 5th.



RATE OF PAY

$7.00 per hour

Applications/resumes must be submitted to the Athletics office, room 1114 by 4:00 pm on October 3rd, 1995. Apply to Mr. Alex Vaccari, 1995/96 ECARA Elections Chief Returning Officer.

Erindale College's Very Own "Field of Dreams"

1st Annual

WOMEN'S INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Sign up your team in the ECARA OFFICE By: THURSDAY, OCT. 5

GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY, OCT. 5 at 12 noon in the Recreation Room.

Interfaculty Tryouts Continue

Women's Ice Hockey
Wed. Oct. 4 7:30am - 8:30am
Huron Park Arena

Men's Division III & non-contact Ice Hockey
Tues. Oct. 3 7:00am - 8:00am
Erin Mills Twin Arena

Men's Division II Volleyball
Tues. Oct. 3 5:30pm - 7:00pm GYM

MEN'S INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE COMMISSIONER NEEDED!!!

If you are interested in being the first ever commissioner of the inaugural season, fill out an application in the ECARA office!!

League play has been delayed so that a commissioner can be appointed.

If you have not submitted a team, get them in ASAP to the ECARA office!!!

BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL OFFICIATING CLINICS

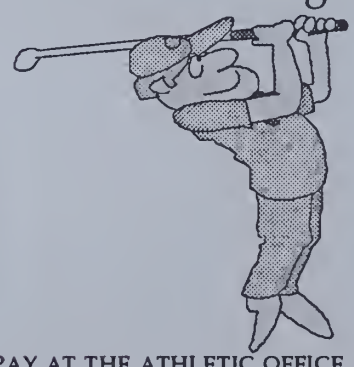
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the GYM

If you want to officiate this year at Erindale you should attend this free clinic.

Annual Intramural Golf Tournament:

A fun filled day of golf. Everyone is welcome to hit the links for 18 holes of golf at Hidden Lakes Golf Club, located in Burlington.



DATE: Friday the 13th of October.
TIME: 9:00 a.m. tee off time.
ENTRY DEADLINE: Wed. Oct. 4, 1995.
COST: $25.00 Green Fee non-refundable. Fee does not include club rental.

PAY AT THE ATHLETIC OFFICE AND KEEP YOUR RECEIPT. THE TOURNAMENT CONVENOR WILL CONTACT YOU WITH MORE DETAILS!!! DON'T DELAY, SPOTS ARE LIMITED. ALUMNI ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS ECARA TOURNEY.

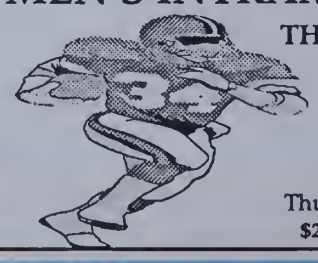
WOMEN'S INTRAMURAL INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE

New Entry Deadline:
Monday, Oct. 2nd at 12 noon
league begins play Monday Oct. 9th

Captain's and free agents meeting:
Tues. Oct. 3rd at 5pm in the Recreation room
$20.00 Team Default Bond is due at the meeting!!

MEN'S INTRAMURAL TOUCH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

THE LEAGUE NEEDS MORE TEAMS!!



New Entry Deadlines:
Thursday, Oct. 5th at 12 noon
League begins play Monday Oct. 9th
Captain's and free agents Meeting:
Thurs. Oct. 5th at 4:00pm in the Recreation room
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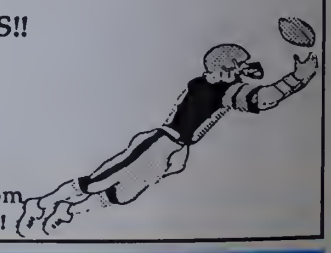

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR 1995/96 ATHLETIC GUIDE IN THE ATHLETIC OFFICE